

# **Hillsboro Sports Association**

## **Code of Conduct**

**11/19/00**

### **I. Purpose**

To provide an atmosphere conducive to high quality, enjoyable youth athletic events for players, coaches, officials & spectators.

### **II. Core Beliefs**

- A. Good sportsmanship
- B. Game officials provide a valuable and necessary function

### **III. Methods**

- A. One parent from each team will be appointed/volunteer to be a monitor for each game
- B. Violations of the code of conduct shall be privately discussed with the offender by the monitor at the time the violation occurs or as quickly as the game flow allows.
- C. Coaches shall be responsible for disciplining their own players.
- D. This code applies to all HSA activities in which HSA is the sponsoring organization. It also applies to all HSA teams, players, coaches and spectators visiting other venues.
- E. Any violation of the Code of Conduct resulting in a penalty shall be reported to the Director of the sport involved and/or President of HSA.

### **IV. Violations**

- A. Berating/taunting officials, coaches or players
- B. Fighting
- C. Physically abusing or touching officials
- D. Tobacco use
- E. Intoxication from alcohol or illicit drugs
- F. Open alcohol containers
- G. Sale of illicit drugs
- H. Damage to HSA property or facilities used by HSA

### **V. Penalties**

- A. Ejection from a game or the venues for any reason results in automatic suspension from the next game.
- B. Instigating or participating in a fight other than in self-defense results in suspension for the remainder of the season
- C. Physically abusing or touching an official results in suspension for the remainder of the season.
- D. Repeated minor offenses may be cause for ejection from the game or venue.

**The above penalties are automatic and given at the discretion of the coach, monitor, game officials or member of the Board of Directors of HSA. Appeals to any penalty should be made to the Board of Directors of HSA. The Code of Conduct in no way supersedes the disciplinary actions delineated by the HSA Bylaws, Article XVI. Ideally each participant in HSA activities should be made aware of this policy prior to their involvement. However, ignorance of the policy will not be a reason to excuse a violation of the Code of Conduct and its penalty.**