Hampshire Township Park District Code of Conduct

Adult Softball - 2025

Hampshire Township Park District requires managers, referees, coaches, players, family members, and friends (fans), to abide by a "Code of Conduct" that emphasizes:

Sportsmanship:

- Display and instill in your fellow players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play, whether you win or lose.
- Assure the safety, conduct and well being of your team, referees, and spectators.

Respect:

- Communicate in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- Always play within the established rules of the game (i.e., age limits, legal balls, etc.).
- Never leave the bench/dugout area and never engage in excessive sideline coaching (i.e. no making call prior to the umpire/referee, as this is not only unsportsmanlike, but in the case of our younger umpires/referees can actually influence their calls).
- Use of any tobacco product, alcohol, or any illegal substance at any practice, game or Hampshire Township Park District event is strictly prohibited.
- Never permit an ineligible player to participate in any Hampshire Township Park District program.
- Never physically touch any player/umpire with force and/or endanger his/her well being.

Communication

- Never criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, referees or fans by word or gesture (i.e. no yelling or "banter" across the field).
- Never ridicule or demean
- Never use abusive or profane language.

Professionalism

- Represent your team in a professional manner at all times.
- Comply with the decisions of game/league official(s) and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by the Hampshire Township Park District (i.e., no arguing with referees, especially on judgment calls, which may lead to an ejection).

Conduct detrimental to the Hampshire Township Park District program will not be tolerated and will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct. Managers, coaches, referees and players have a responsibility to assist the Hampshire Township Park District in the enforcement of the Code of Conduct by informing the Recreation Manager - Athletics in a signed, written report of any questionable conduct. The Recreation Manager - Athletics shall be notified, in writing, within 48 hours of receipt.

In the event of a written report of an alleged Code of Conduct violation from a manager, coach, referee, player or fan, the Recreation Manager – Athletics will review and investigate the said complaint and take appropriate action, including providing a written response to the reporting party at the conclusion of the Manager's investigation and review, all within a timely fashion.

Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action from the Park District, including but not limited to: censure; suspension; revocation of league privileges; or ejection from the league. **If any action is taken you will be asked to sit before and address the Recreation Manager - Athletics and/or Park District Board of Director's as a requirement to earn any consideration of reinstatement.**

I pledge myself and take responsibility for my fans to observe, practice, maintain and abide by this Code of Conduct.

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Coach's Signature	Print Name	Date of Birth	Date