



Official HFG Code of Conduct

Hickory Fountain Green Soccer (HFG) wants to ensure that the season is a fair, positive and enjoyable experience for all children and adults involved. Soccer should be friendly and unifying—a spirited social and athletic occasion for all players, parents, coaches, referees and spectators. To clarify expectations of conduct, we expect all parties involved to conform to following rules.

As a coach, parent, or player for the HFG Soccer Program, I agree to the following:

1. I will always prioritize player health and safety.
2. I will learn and know the rules of the game and the policies of HFG and will support and uphold them always.
3. I am representing HFG, my community and my team and agree to act accordingly at all times. I will be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit during all games and practices.
4. Coaches will explain goals and objectives for the team, as well as the rules of the game and the policies of HFG, whenever requested or necessary, to the best of their ability.
5. During games, coaches are responsible for the sportsmanship of players. If a player is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, the player will be removed from play at least long enough for them to calm down.
6. During the game, coaches are also responsible for the conduct of the parents and spectators of players. It is the coach's responsibility to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting. They will encourage them to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team and discourage them from yelling at players and referees.
7. Coaches will introduce themselves to opposing coaches and the referee(s) before each game.
8. During a game, coaches will not address the referee but may discuss small issues calmly and patiently after the game. Note: If you have a major complaint, or if you think a referee was unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, report your opinion to the HFG Commissioner. Your reactions will be taken seriously if they are presented objectively and formally.
9. After the game, coaches will thank the opponent and referee(s) and ask players to do the same.
10. Coaches will always have a positive attitude and will always praise players for trying hard, playing fair and doing their best, regardless of the outcome of the game.
11. Coaches will know and understand HFG playing time guidelines and will give every player an opportunity to play as much as possible. Coaches will never, knowingly or intentionally violate any provision of the HFG playing time guidelines.
12. Coaches will maintain an open line of communication with players and parents.
13. Dress code. Please avoid clothing that promotes sex, drugs, violence or strong political statements.

I acknowledge that this Code of Conduct has been adopted by HFG Soccer and agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action by HFG that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Warning
- Probation
- Game Suspension
- Season Suspension
- Permanent Program Expulsion

In the event a situation rises which calls for interpretation, HFG will take into account the best interest of each athlete, the entire team, HFG Soccer, and the integrity of the soccer game. HFG board decision will be final.

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and acknowledge that HFG Soccer is willing to address any questions or concerns.

My name is (*please print*): _____.

I am a (*check all that apply*): Coach Parent Player Referee

Signature

Date
