

HSAA Expectations

“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.”

HSAA expects its Coaches to:

1. Be responsible for their own behavior and also the behavior of their team members, their parents, and fans.
2. Lead by example in being respectful of other players, coaches, fans, and officials at all times.
3. Provide a sports environment for their team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language at all HSAA events.
4. Place the emotional and physical well being of their players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win.
5. Never publicly demean a player, official, opposing coach, or parent.
6. Ensure that their players are supervised by a coach or another designated adult and never allow their players to be left unattended or unsupervised at a game or practice.
7. Never knowingly permit an injured player to play or return to the game.
8. Take reasonable steps to see that all equipment used by their players is safe and conforms to standards.
9. Take the initiative in resolving any known or suspected conflict relating to a player or family.
10. Accept positive and negative feedback graciously as from the Lord.
11. Communicate expectations—including these HSAA expectations—clearly to players and parents.

HSAA expects its Players to:

1. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players, officials, and coaches with the utmost respect.
2. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. Stay composed and exercise “self-control.”
4. Show respect for authority to all officials, whether or not they agree with a call.

5. Respect the privilege of using playing facilities by cleaning up benches, locker-rooms, stands, and grounds after a practice or game.
6. Refrain from use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
7. Avoid profanity or demeaning speech on all occasions, even in the “heat of competition.”
8. Be an Encourager.
9. Understand that the TEAM comes before the welfare of an individual player.
10. Be willing to serve in any role to build TEAM success.
11. Show up for practice on time, with proper equipment and ready to play.
12. Make reasonable efforts in advance to be excused from any scheduled classes or activities that conflict with practices, games, or team functions.
13. Communicate to the coach ahead of time when they will miss a practice or game.
14. Dress in a manner that could not be considered offensive or morally suggestive at all HSAA events.
15. Tell the coach of their concerns or problems instead of talking to others about them.
16. Seek to resolve personal conflicts with teammates. Speak to them first and seek reconciliation.

HSAA expects Parents to:

1. Trust the coach to coach the team.
2. Volunteer to help with team needs whenever possible.
3. Let the officials and umpires call the game, remembering that they too are only human and that rarely is the outcome of a game determined by a “bad call.”
4. Demonstrate exemplary sportsmanship at games by using only positive cheers and never laughing at errors or jeering an opponent.
5. Advocate a sports environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language, including profanity, and refrain from their use during any HSAA event.
6. Assist their athletes to show up to practice and games on time, with proper equipment, and ready to play.

7. Direct their athletes to communicate to the coach in advance of any anticipated missed practices or games.
8. Speak to the coach privately (and not to others) about any issues concerning any aspect of their family or athlete's participation on an HSAA team.
9. Speak to the particular HSAA Commissioner about any issue not adequately resolved with a coach.
10. Be familiar with the HSAA Rules of Eligibility and to notify the coach of any reason their athlete might not qualify to play with HSAA.
11. Fill out the post-season evaluations with truth and love.

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