



Parent/Guardian and Spectator Code of Conduct

As a parent/guardian or spectator, I will:

1. Support the coaches, players, and/or cheerleaders and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
2. Support my child's team and help my child and HYL to make athletic contests a positive educational experience.
3. Direct constructive criticism of my child's team to the head coach and/or related officials at an appropriate time. I will work toward a positive result for all concerned.
4. Accept decisions of the game officials (including coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of all games. Their decisions are final.
5. Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
6. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students that are physically and mentally alert.
7. Strive to make every sporting event serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health by being present to support the children.
8. Abstain from being under the influence of, or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages, or in possession of or use of any synthetic drugs, illegal or unauthorized legal substances on both the game and practice fields.
9. Stay behind the designated spectator line during a game.
10. Be responsible for the actions and conduct of any guests that I bring to any HYL event.

As a parent/guardian or spectator, I will not:

1. Interfere or interrupt the coaching staff during games or practices.
2. Criticize officials or coaches, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority.
3. Criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture, or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior.
4. In any way at any HYL game or practice or any HYL event conduct myself in a manner that fails to demonstrate good sportsmanship and compliance with the spirit of this code of conduct.
5. Utilize electronic media, such as Facebook, SnapChat, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, texting, email, etc. to criticize HYL or its coaches, teammates, players, or other parents.

Consequences of Behavior

At any HYL event, practice, or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, or HYL representative will be asked to leave the event. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the spectator.

Any adult that conducts his or herself in a manner not consistent with the spirit of this code of conduct may be banned from HYL events for the remainder of that season and any future season. Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, player, participant or another spectator will be banned from HYL activities.

After one year, the parent may apply for re-instatement. HYL may, at its discretion, lift the ban. The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking, or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.

By electronically signing this form I am agreeing that I have read and understand the terms of this code of conduct and agree to abide by this code of conduct and accept the consequences should I violate this code of conduct.