

**Henniker Athletic Committee**  
*Program Guidelines*

**Code of Conduct and Responsibilities\*\***

<b>Who</b>	<b>Code of Conduct:</b> The foundation of our code of conduct is based upon the principles of good sportsmanship. Positive cheering from coaches, spectators, and other team members, as well as appreciation and applauding of good play regardless of team or player exemplify these principles.	<b>Responsibilities:</b> It is the responsibility of the players to play the game, the coach to direct the players, the official to control the game, and the spectator to enjoy the sport and the play.
Coach	<p>The coach is the instructor, disciplinarian, planner, and model for the team. A coach will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abide by the rules of the game at all times, both in spirit and letter.</li> <li>2. Acknowledge official decisions as final and accept with good grace during and after the game.</li> <li>3. Greet spectators as honored guests.</li> <li>4. Respect officials and opponents.</li> <li>5. Refrain from letting the outcome of the game or season overshadow the development of your player's full range of talents.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commit yourself to learning the rules of the game, skills to be taught, and coaching techniques for player and team development.</li> <li>2. Make sure your attendance at practice and games is timely and with proper equipment. Delegate this responsibility to your assistant coach if you cannot attend.</li> <li>3. Communicate schedule changes to players, parents, and referees in a timely and appropriate manner.</li> <li>4. Create a setting for continued growth and development.</li> <li>5. Create a safe environment in which your players can practice and play.</li> <li>6. Commit yourself to learning the correct procedures for caring for and recognizing the most common injuries of your players.</li> <li>7. Develop cooperation and team spirit, and instill an appreciation for sports.</li> <li>8. Help to channel each child's natural energy in a positive direction.</li> <li>9. Develop a feeling of success in your players. Every child should have an opportunity to experience</li> </ol>

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		<p>some degree of success in sports and to feel good about themselves and sports.</p> <p>10. Teach your players during practice and refrain from sideline coaching during games. This is their time to have fun and to use what you have taught them.</p>
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Official	<p>The official is a partner in teaching youth players and as such is a symbol of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship. An official will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call the game honestly and to the best of his/her ability.</li> <li>2. Be prepared mentally, with knowledge of the rules of the game.</li> <li>3. Be prepared physically to keep up with pace and play of the game.</li> <li>4. Take authority and accept responsibility for his/her decisions.</li> <li>5. Do not tolerate dissent.</li> <li>6. Be courteous in all dealings with coaches, players, and spectators.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arrive on time and with the proper equipment.</li> <li>2. Take care of pre-game duties promptly, including field check, player equipment check, introductions, and recording of pertinent information.</li> <li>3. Start and stop games promptly and on time.</li> <li>4. Maintain control of games by being firm and consistent, treating trivial offenses accordingly, allowing the game to flow, and making the coaches aware of their responsibility for control of sidelines (coaches, players, spectators).</li> <li>5. Use visual and verbal signals for calls so that all participants understand.</li> <li>6. Above all, maintain a safe environment for all players.</li> </ol>
Player	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Play the game for the game's sake.</li> <li>2. Be fair always no matter what the cost.</li> <li>3. Obey the rules of the game.</li> <li>4. Work for the good of your team.</li> <li>5. Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be responsible to yourself, your team, and your coach.</li> <li>2. Be at practice and games at the time your coach asks. Call your coach if you will be late or absent.</li> <li>3. Listen attentively to your coach and work hard in practice.</li> </ol>

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| <p>6. Respect your opponents.</p> <p>7. Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.</p> | <p>4. Try to learn something new at each practice and game; thereby, constantly improving your soccer skills and team play.</p> <p>5. Thank the other team for the game.</p> <p>6. Dress with proper equipment and uniform.</p> <p>7. Remove all watches, jewelry, earrings, belts, and other such items before both practice and games. Medical bracelets may be worn but should be taped.</p> <p>8. Above all, enjoy yourself and have fun.</p> |
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Parent	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make sure each player knows that their efforts are appreciated. This will allow each player to do his or her best without a fear of failure.</li> <li>2. Encourage each player to: enjoy being "out there," work to improve their skills and attitudes, and have fun.</li> <li>3. Get to know the coach.</li> <li>4. Make participation for each player a positive experience.</li> <li>5. Be kind to and support each coach and official. They each provide a necessary and valuable service to the community and need your full support.</li> <li>6. Applaud good plays by your team and members of the opposing team.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assure timely arrival to practice and games and provide a means of transportation for your child afterwards.</li> <li>2. Make sure your child's registration is timely, complete, and accurate.</li> <li>3. Call the coach, preferably in advance, if your child will be tardy or absent from a game or practice.</li> <li>4. Allow the coach to be the main authority for practice and games.</li> <li>5. Dress your child appropriately for weather and game conditions.</li> </ol>
Spectator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make sure each player knows that their efforts are appreciated. This will allow each player to do his or her best without a fear of failure.</li> <li>2. Make athletic participation for each player a positive experience.</li> <li>3. Be kind to and support each coach and official. They each provide a necessary and valuable service to the community and need your full support.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cooperate immediately with any requests from a referee or coach.</li> <li>2. Stay two or more yards back from the playing field boundaries.</li> </ol>

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