

## **HORTONVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB, INC. (HFC) COACHS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

Each HFC coach agrees and understands that coaching in the FVPW program is a privilege and therefore if a violation of the Code of Conduct occurs that is detrimental to the Program and it's participants, HFC may exercise its right to discipline the Coach(s) or terminate his (hers) involvement in the program.

### **Coaches will:**

- Be an ideal team player role model: Humble, Hungry, and Smart.
- Conduct themselves in a positive manner at all times.
- Not tolerate unsportsmanlike or negative behavior.
- Strive to develop a coaching philosophy that embraces positiveness, teamwork, fundamentals, organization, life lessons and friendships.
- Reject any form of a "Win at all Costs" mentality.
- Accept the decisions of the game officials.
- Stop any abuse, verbal or physical, profanity, non-constructive criticism, or inappropriate actions witnessed at or around HFC events.
- Avoid any contact between coach and player away from practice or games without parental involvement or consent.
- Avoid criminal behavior (felony related charges).
- Be a positive leader.
- End any behavior that creates a negative environment.
- Maintain a safe practice and game environment for everyone involved.
- Not permit a player to participate if there is any doubt on his / her health.
- Not distribute any medication unless prescribed by a physician and authorized by parent(s).
- Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Abide by both all rules, regulations, and laws.
- Avoid use of tobacco, alcohol, and any illegal substance both at practice and during games.
  
- **Halt any actions witnessed which reflects negatively, or causes embarrassment to the HFC program.**

Any violation of the above rules or those listed in HFC By-Laws may result in ejection from a game or removal from practice and subsequent suspension to be determined by the Executive Committee. A Coach may appeal his/her disciplinary action per the rules listed under "Appeals Process" in the Code of Conduct.