

## Coach Code of Conduct – BHR Tournaments

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All coaches, players, and spectators are expected to display and uphold good conduct at all times and have consideration for the opposing coaches, opposing players, and officials. Positive support shown on and around the field presents an opportunity for players to excel.

- All coaches, players, and spectators will conduct themselves in a manner that represents only the highest standards of sportsmanship before, during and after games.
- Do not address remarks to opposing players, coaches, spectators or referees except when remarks convey genuine friendship and respect or are in response to questions by the referee.
- Avoid comments or gestures, which express disgust or disagreement with referee calls. These are cardable offenses. Be aware that coaches, sidelines, and players can be carded for unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Play against your opponents, not the referee. Worrying and arguing over referee calls can distract players and prevent them from playing at their best. Fewer than one in one hundred referee calls have any influence on the outcome of a game. Dismissal of a coach or spectator will result in their team losing a point for the event.
- Show strong character at all times, even while under pressure or after your team loses. The team will be remembered for their actions on and off the field.
- All team members, including coaches, will shake hands with the opposing team and referee regardless of the outcome of the game.
- It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure players, bench personnel, and spectators of their team(s) are conducting themselves in a respectful manner. If they are not, you may be asked to help calm them down or help in removing them from the event facility.

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_