## **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.

Adopted this 4th day of August, 2010, by the HSAA Board of Directors.