

# New Hyde Park Wildcats Soccer Club – Code of Conduct

The NHP Wildcat Board of Directors has adopted the following Code of Conduct to help us create a constructive and positive experience and to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for club members. A parent/legal guardian is required to read it or have it be read by a spouse, family members and guests, and ensure that all will abide by this code during the season.

## **Parent or Legal Guardian Code of Conduct:**

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.” **I therefore agree:**

1. **Learn the Rules:** I will learn the rules of the game for my child’s age group and the policies of the league [see attached]
2. **Promote Sportsmanship:**
  - a. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
  - b. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
3. **Respect the Players:**
  - a. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
  - b. I will teach my child that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
  - c. I will refrain from yelling at my child or another child for any reason during/after a game
4. **Respect the Coaches:**
  - a. I will respect the coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
  - b. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
5. **Respect the Referees:** I will respect the Referees and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront them on the game field

## **Consequences:**

The Board and/or the Arbitration Committee will have the authority to discipline any player or parent/legal guardian who has violated any of the above guidelines or whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of NHPWSC activities.

### **Discipline violations could include but is not limited to the following:**

**Warning:** The offending person is advised of the nature of the offenses and informed that further violations will result in a more severe penalty, or

**Probation:** The offending person is given a written warning and enters a period of probation to be determined by the Board and/or the Arbitration Committee, or

**Suspension:** The offending person is suspended from participating in NHPWSC activities for a length of time to be determined by the Board and/or Arbitration Committee. If the offending person should cause a coach to receive a red card and thus be ineligible to coach one or more games, the offender should also be suspended for at least the same period of time.

**Bar:** The offending person is barred from future participation in *NHPWSC* activities to the end of the season at a minimum. A violator can only be reinstated by the approval of the *NHPWSC* Board of Directors. In addition to the above disciplinary options, any person ejected from a game is eligible to return to the field for the next scheduled game of their team and any person ejected from a game twice in one season is automatically suspended from participating in any *NHPWSC* sponsored activities until such a time as they are reinstated by the *NHPWSC* Board and/or the Arbitration Committee.

### **Process:**

Any person subject to disciplinary action will be informed in writing by the Board and/or Arbitration Committee and may review their conduct and have the right to appear before the Board and/or Arbitration Committee to explain their conduct before disciplinary action is imposed. The decision regarding disciplinary action will be communicated within seven (7) days of the review. No person subject to disciplinary action will be entitled to a refund of the registration fee, or any fee associated with this program.

## **PARENTAL CONSENT:**

**I understand that by signing this document I am agreeing to support and promote this Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. Furthermore, I am required to read it or have it read by a spouse, family member and guests, and ensure that all will abide by this code during the course of the season. A copy of this code of conduct is available upon request.**

Representing the members and guests of the \_\_\_\_\_ family.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_