



TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER  
15 N. Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981

Board of  
RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

Tel: 973-428-2463  
Fax: 973-428-9251

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform to the Township of Hanover Recreation Department's Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following. I understand that penalties may be imposed in any order or in any combination.

1. Verbal warning issued by the Recreation Department, or by a properly authorized league, organization or school official.
2. Written warning issued by the Recreation Department, or by a properly authorized league, organization or league official.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from an athletic program, special event or activity issued by the Recreation Department, or by a properly authorized league, organization or school official.
4. Suspension from multiple athletic programs, special events or activities issued by the Recreation Department or by a properly authorized league, organization or school official.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the Recreation Department, or by a properly authorized league, organization or school official.

The Township of Hanover shall post this Code of Conduct on the Township website and have it available at its facilities.

Nothing herein is intended to supersede any ordinance or statute imposing criminal or civil penalties.

---

(Print) Parent/Guardian Full Name

---

Parent/Guardian Signature

---

Date

## **Township of Hanover Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct**

### Code of Conduct – Hanover Township Recreation – All Programs

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey adopted N.J.S.A. 5:17-1 et seq., finding that interscholastic youth athletic programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children; that it is essential for parents, coaches, and officials to encourage youth athletics to embrace the values of good sportsmanship; and that adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control;

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Township of Hanover agrees that it is essential that all coaches, umpires, parents, participants, and attendees, who are participants or spectators at athletic programs, events or other activities of the Recreation Department of the Township of Hanover, or who are participants or spectators of any athletic program, event, or activity upon any public property owned or maintained by the Township of Hanover, shall conduct themselves with fairness, respect, and self-control at all times;

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Township of Hanover has resolved that each such coach, umpire, parent, participant, and attendee shall govern themselves in accordance with the following Code of Conduct;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Hanover as follows:

- A. All coaches, umpires, parents, participants, players, spectators, and attendees who are participants or spectators at athletic programs, events or activities of the Recreation Department of the Township of Hanover, or who are participants or spectators at any athletic program, event or activity upon any property owned or maintained by the Township of Hanover, shall remember that players play, coaches coach; officials officiate; and parents/spectators/fans support the efforts of all of the above. As such each person shall be responsible for his or her own words and actions, and each such person shall conform his or her behavior to the following Code of Conduct:
  1. Each person shall demonstrate fairness, respect, and self-control at all times;
  2. Each person shall encourage his or her child or children to demonstrate fairness, respect, and self-control at all times;

3. Each person shall treat any coach, umpire, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
4. Each person shall encourage his or her child or children to treat any coach, umpire, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
5. Each person shall not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, umpire, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
6. Each person shall not encourage his or her child or children, or any other person to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, umpire, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
7. Each person shall respect the opposing fans as well as all other participants and spectators at all times. Taunting others by means of baiting, ridiculing, or threat of physical violence will not be tolerated.
8. Each person will respect the coaches and officials and their authority during games and shall not confront coaches and officials on the game field/gym but will instead take time to speak with the coaches and officials at an agreed time and place.
9. Each person shall not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, umpire, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
10. Each person shall not use or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while at an athletic event, special program or activity on Township property nor shall that person attend, coach, officiate, or participate in an athletic event, special program or activity while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
11. Each person shall not permit his or her child or children, or encourage any other person to use or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at an athletic event, special program or activity hosted by the Township or on Township property, and shall not permit his or her child, or encourage any other person to attend, coach, officiate or participate in any athletic event or activity while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
12. Each person shall not engage in the use of profanity.
13. Each person shall not engage his or her child or children, or any other person to engage in the use of profanity.
14. Each person shall not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, umpire, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
15. Each person shall not encourage his or her child or children or any other person to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, umpire, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

16. Each person shall not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, umpire, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
17. Each person shall not encourage his or her child or children, or any other person to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, umpire, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

B. The Recreation Department of the Township of Hanover shall disseminate this Resolution and the Code of Conduct to its coaches, umpires, parents, and participants. The Recreation Department shall require that each coach, umpire, parent, and parent on behalf of his or her child or children, agree in writing to abide by and obey the Code of Conduct. The Township of Hanover and its Recreation Superintendent using fairness and acting in a non-arbitrary or capricious manner may impose penalties in any order or in any combination, suitable to the matter at hand and in consideration of past relevant conduct of the coach, umpire, parent, participant, or attendee being disciplined. The Township of Hanover Recreation Department shall include the following acknowledgement of penalties with each such written agreement.