



## Haverhill Travel Basketball, INC

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## Parents Code of Conduct

Haverhill Travel Basketball strives to promote a positive environment for our children. We want our children/players to develop positive character traits including sportsmanship, cooperation and self discipline. We believe that parents are a reflection of the program. We want the program to be respected by the opposing players, coaches and parents, as well as referees and anyone else that comes into contact with our program. With this in mind, all parents must abide by the following guidelines:

1. Remember that children play organized sports for their own enjoyment. They are not there to entertain you.
2. **Control your emotions.** Be on your best behavior. Do not use profane language or harass, physically or verbally, players, managers, coaches or referees
3. Applaud all good play by your own team and the other team. Praise your child's efforts whether they win or lose. Your child should never have to play well to win your love
4. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game
5. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a game or for losing. Children learn best by following a good example
6. Condemn the use of violence, profane language and any form of abuse
7. Respect the officials' decisions. Remember he/she is only human with the same feelings as you and, like you, sometimes makes an honest error
8. Think of how you can best help the coach and/or the team
9. Respect your child's coaches. Communicate openly with them. If you disagree with their approach, discuss it with them privately, not in front of the team\
10. **DO NOT** coach from the stands. Conflicting instructions are confusing to the child and often lead to a decline in play
11. Do not relive your own athletic past through your child
12. Help keep your child's priorities straight. The main focus should be on school work, family relationships and other things in life beside basketball
13. Get your child to practices and games on time. Make sure you are there to pick your child up on time. Coaches cannot leave until all players are accounted for and should not have to wait for you
14. Do not allow siblings or friends to attend practices
15. Help us in any way you can to challenge your child as a player and a person in an environment that is fun for all involved

Failure to follow these policies and guidelines can result in suspension and/or removal from the program. Any parent/guardian or other family member that is thrown out of a game, practice, or other HTB activity will be suspended from all HTB activities until a disciplinary hearing with the HTB board of directors. Additionally, the child of the parent/guardian that is thrown out will also face disciplinary action including suspension from practice/games and/or removal from the program. This type of behavior WILL NOT be tolerated.

My Signature on my child's HTB registration form will serve as an acknowledgement that I have read, fully understood and agreed to all terms of the Parent's Code of Conduct.