

**Haywood County Recreation & Parks  
Parent Code of Ethics**

- I pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in this recreational sports experience by following this code of ethics.
- I understand the importance of setting a good example for my child & that my child might be embarrassed by any out-of-bounds behavior on my part. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, & officials.
- I understand the officials can make mistakes. If the official makes a “bad” call against my team, I will honor the game & remain silent.
- I pledge to refrain from calling out instructions to my child during the game, on breaks in a game or approaching the bench. I understand that this is the coach’s job. I will limit my comments during the game to encouraging my child and other players for both teams.
- I pledge to refrain from making negative comments about the HCRP Recreation Basketball Program (players/staff/coaches/officials) in front of my child, my child’s teammates, or other team’s players & parents. If I have a conflict with HC Recreation & Parks staff, I pledge that I will handle it in a respectable manner and approach the league coordinator directly, privately and respectably.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or special event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable recreation experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for the children, NOT the parents.
- I will become involved with my child’s team in some capacity because it is important to my child and me.
- I will remember that the goal of the game is to have fun and improve my child’s skills and abilities.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, & officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will require that my child’s coaches be trained in the responsibilities of being a child’s coach and that the coach upholds the Coach Code of Ethics.
- I understand that when I registered my child, I signed that I received and will adhere to this Code of Ethics, and will be responsible for others spectating with me.
- Failure to abide by HCRP’s “Code of Ethics” can result in ejection, forfeiting of game, banning from the gym, or termination of the player and parent from the league as determined by HCRP staff.