



Old Bridge Hoops Academy Coaches Code of Conduct

The Old Bridge Hoops Academy believes that a large part of its success depends on the quality of the coaching that our players receive. We understand that Coaches are leaders, and should be dedicated to more than the X's and O's of competition. Therefore, as a volunteer coach, leader and role model for youth, I agree to the following OBHA Coaches Code of Conduct, which states as follows.

I will:

1. Behave as a positive role model for the children and understand the inherent power imbalance that exists in the athlete/coach relationship and be extremely careful not to abuse it
2. Act at all time to make skill development, sportsmanship, teamwork, fun and learning the game the right way
3. Demonstrate respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of referees, officials and opposing coaches
4. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person, including opponents, other coaches, officials, administrators, parents, athletes, and spectators
5. Refrain from physical contact with athletes except where necessary for the development of the athletes' skill(s) or athletic ability
6. Be aware and understand the role and influence of a coach as an educator, imparting knowledge of skill as well as proper personal, academic, and social behavior
7. Seek to learn the latest coaching practices that consider the principles of growth and development of athletes
8. Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language in the conduct of his/her duties.
9. Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages when working with athletes.
10. Forbid the use of alcohol in conjunction with athletic events or victory celebration at the playing site
11. Forbid the use of drugs and other banned performance enhancing substances.
12. Abstain from the use of tobacco products while in the presence of his/her athletes and discourage their use by athletes.
13. Refrain from intimate involvement with athletes which includes and/or all of the following:
 - *Unwanted sexual attention made by a person who knows or ought to know, that such attention is unwanted; or*
 - *Implied or expressed threat of reprisal in the form of either actual reprisal or denial of the opportunity for refusal to comply with a sexually oriented request; or*
 - *Implied or expressed promise of reward for complying with a sexually oriented request; or*
 - *Sexually oriented remarks or behavior that may be perceived to create a negative psychological and emotional environment for work and/or play.*
14. Agree to abide by all applicable Old Bridge Hoops Academy rules and regulations

I have read and understand this responsibility as a coach with the OBHA. I understand its requirements and I agree to abide by the letter and spirit of this Coaches Code of Conduct.

Name (Print)

Date

Signature