

Highland Park Girls Field Hockey
Player and Parent Code of Conduct
2011

All players taking part in Highland Park Field Girls' Field Hockey and their parents must understand the following responsibilities and rules and acknowledge that the coach(es) shall have every right to remove players for improper behavior.

1. The HP Field Hockey athletes will:

- *Not argue or protest a play or call made by an official.
- *Not commit un-sportsmanlike behavior during a practice or game.
- *Not use inappropriate language in practice or games.
- *Not consume alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs.
- *Not engage in behavior that is deemed to be detrimental to the team.
- *Not argue with coaching decisions during practice/games.
- *Not give "coaching advice" to the coach before or during any game.
- *Not converse with friends/family during games and practice.
- *Not bring "social issues" to practice and games.
- *Not use cell phones during practice and games.

2. The HP Field Hockey athletes will:

- *Take a positive attitude toward coaches, teammates, and opponents at practices and games.
- *Understand that winning and losing are part of the game and must conduct themselves as good losers as well as gracious winners.
- *Give their undivided attention when the coach is communicating individually or as a group.
- *Give 100% effort at practices and games.
- *Conduct themselves at all practices and games in a manner that reflects the standards set forth in the Highland Park High School Code of Conduct.
- *HAVE FUN!

3. The HP Field Hockey athlete must be on time for all practices, meetings, and games. Any absence should be reported to the coach **before** the game or practice, with as much advance notice as possible. Please DO NOT make appointments during practice or game times. Repeat unexcused absences or tardiness may result in reduced playing time, suspension/dismissal from the team. Players who are contagious should remain at home and notify the coach. Injured players should

attend practices and games unless otherwise excused. (Long term illness or injury is excluded.)

Athletes receiving p.e. credit must regularly attend practice and games in order to receive credit. Conflicts discussed and calendared prior to the season will be considered excused absences. Players with 5 unexcused absences will be removed from the team roster and will not receive school credit.

Players MUST communicate with the coach! If issues arise with school, conflicts, extracurriculars, etc., PLEASE e-mail/talk with the coach, so compromise/resolutions can be reached without detrimental impact to team.

4. The Highland Park ISD Code of Conduct will be in effect for all athletes.
5. Parents will not argue or protest a play or call by an official. They shall not criticize any player, coach or official at practices or games. Further, they are expected to maintain the same levels of sportsmanship as the athletes.
6. If a parent has a concern, he/she will respectfully address the issue with the coach at a scheduled conference. Parents will not be permitted to disrupt practice and/or games. If the parent does not feel their concerns were addressed, they will take the issue to the HP Field Hockey Board.

We have read and fully understand and endorse the above.

Player Signature

Date

Parent Signature

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