



Coach code of conduct

It is important to acknowledge that in a volunteer-based organization every effort will be made to help, accommodate and encourage our volunteer coaches in their efforts to support the organization. At the same time the coaches should represent the positive spirit of the organization and the four pillars it stands for. Coaches at every level should realize what is expected of them and what they should strive for. The following are the codes of conduct which should be followed to the letter.

1. Coaches are directly responsible for the conduct of their players during practices and games. A Coach must set an example of good sportsmanship and fair play at all times.
2. Coaches shall never place the value of winning over the physical and emotional safety and welfare of the players. Coaches should realize that the program (especially for under 14s) are for the children and not the adults.
3. Coaches must show courtesy and respect to their players, opponents, parents, spectators, referees and each other, at all times. Coaches must treat all their players fairly and favoritism toward any player must be avoided. Every effort should be made to balance playing time for each player.
4. Coaches should not use offensive or inappropriate language in the presence of their players during practice or games. Coaches are directly responsible for the behavior of their parents and spectators. Coaches must require that their players, parents and spectators refrain from using offensive or inappropriate language during practice or games.
5. Coaches must look out for the safety of their players at all times and bring to the attention of the referee(s) any situations that could jeopardize the safety of their players. They also must be alert to potentially dangerous situations arising because of actions by their own players. Coaches should not hesitate to substitute a player whose actions could lead to injuries or altercations among players.
6. The head coach is responsible and accountable for the actions of his or her assistants.
7. Coaches are the leaders and must be organized. A disorganized coach imparts this disorganization and sub-standard approach to the entire program. Practices must be instructional, challenging and efficient; they should start and finish on time.
8. Coach's attire must be appropriate to the occasion.
9. Coaches should contact the Athletic Office for any conflicts with a player, parent, or another coach first.
10. When traveling, the trip supervisor and respective committee lead must be contacted in cases of any conflicts, related to Ararat or Regional or host organization, FIRST.
11. The head coach or the assistant coach must be present at all practices, otherwise the practice will be deemed canceled. If the head coach is absent and the assistant coach is under 18 years of age, the team parent must be present during practice to accompany the assistant coach.
12. Practice Jerseys: Coaches are to make sure all our athletes are wearing official Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter practice jerseys during all team or individual practices and training sessions. Coaches and assistant coaches must also wear appropriate athletic attire during practices.
13. Athletic Office must be notified of Practice cancellation:
 - a. Cancellation for U8-U14 will be 72 hours
 - b. Cancellation for U15 will be 48 hours
14. All Coaches must abide by the Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter Volunteer Coaches Agreement.