

Handbook



for COACHES

The reason HHBC does a sports ministry is so that we can accomplish our mission. As a coach of HHBC Sports you are an arm of our mission. The goal is not the sport, but the mission. Never forget the sport you are coaching is a tool to accomplish the mission. Join us in our mission!

OUR MISSION:

Our mission is to bring people to *KNOW* and *GROW* in Jesus Christ, so that we can *GO* and *SHOW* Him to others.



The foundation of our mission statement is based upon the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. By embracing these, we will accomplish our mission.

The Great Commandment is ***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”***

Mark 12:30

The Great Commission is ***“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”***

Matthew 28:19-20

OUR VALUES:

As a coach of a sport it is important that you not only embrace our church’s mission, but you will also embrace our core values as a church. Our core values spell out the word passion because we believe that we need to live with a passion.

People Matter: because people matter to God, they also matter to us.

Addicted to Jesus: being a church that is passionate over Jesus Christ.

Submit to God’s Word: letting the truths of God’s Word give direction and have the final authority in our life.

Share Jesus: let people know about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Invest in disciple-making: making quality disciples for Jesus Christ.

Offering ourselves in worship: being a church that worships Jesus Christ.

Need to be a team player: we all work together to accomplish the same mission.

Remember as a coach of HHBC Sports you are an extension of HHBC’s mission and values.

Our Mission for HHBC Sports

1 Corinthians 9:19 ...I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them

Our Values for HHBC Sports

Share Jesus Christ.

It is our desire to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to our community.

Play Competitive Sports

It is our desire to make the teams fair with about the same skill level so that the games will be competitive.

Offer Biblical Lessons

It is our desire to offer Biblical lessons for life application.

Reach Out to Grow

It is our desire to reach out to our community and grow as a church.

Teach Character

It is our desire to teach children character through sports.

Sporting Skills Taught

It is our desire to teach the basic skills of the sport to children.

First, notice that HHBC Sports' mission is taken from 1 Corinthians 9:19. When you read this passage in its context you will realize that Paul is saying that he will do whatever it takes to bring people to Jesus Christ. I will even be a servant or a slave so that I can win more people to Jesus.

I want to be upfront and honest to all coaches. It is not about the sport or winning a game, but it is about sharing Jesus. Our mission statement is clear. We will be a servant so that we can win more of them.

Second, notice HHBC Sports Values. It spells out the word SPORTS. Notice that **S, O, R** are about engaging, reaching, and teaching people about Jesus Christ. It is very important to us that the Word of God gets into people lives.

I would like to share a couple of passages to make clear some of our values to you:

Romans 10:14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Paul makes it clear. People will not come to faith in Jesus Christ unless someone tells them about Jesus Christ. The only way a person can have faith in Jesus is when they hear about Him.

Galatians 3:24 So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

Paul says that one of purposes for the law or the Word of God is to lead people to Jesus Christ. That is why it is important to us to get the Word to the kids.

Isaiah 55:10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Word of God will never be empty, but will always accomplish its purpose. Since the Word of God will always accomplish its purpose, it is important that we share it with kids and parents.

Because of our values, we encourage the coaches to do a devotional with the kids. We are not expecting you to be a master Bible teacher or a theologian. We just want you to explain the passage and love on the kids.

Thirdly, notice the **P** and the last **S**, are about the sport. HHBC Sports wants the games to be competitive. We strive to try to make the teams even so that the games are fun and competitive.

As a coach and players, your desire is to win the game, but let us be clear. If your team wins all the games, you get nothing at the end of the season. If your team gets a sizable lead on your opponent, we may stop giving your team points until the game is closer in points. If your team gets a big lead in the game, please set your better players and put in your weaker players.

Every player needs to play in the game.

As a coach, you need to teach the sport to the kids. Teach them the skills to play the sport.

Fourthly, teach the kids character through sports. That is the letter **T**. Kids can learn a lot of good character qualities through playing sports. Many times they learn character through watching and learning from their coach. Please model the correct behavior when you are losing and winning the game. Teach and model good character for the kids on your team and others.

Sample Outline for Practices:

- Learn and improve on skills of the game.
- Play games with the players.
- Teach and practice game strategy.
- Huddle Up time is a short devotional time.

Be intentional during your practice. Have a plan for practice or your players will plan it for you. I have learned that if you keep your players busy, you will have less disciplinary problems with your players.

Guidelines for Building

Hickory Hill Baptist Church (HHBC) has built a new building for us to use.

- Please treat our new building with respect.
- No tobacco products.
- No rude behavior.
- Only wear **NON-Marking** shoes.
- No food or drinks on the court.
- Please stay off the field/court when games are being played.
- Please respect each other.
- Please NO running in the building with the exclusion of players.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please read and sign this sheet and return to HHBC Sports Director.

As a coach I understand the following:

- I understand the mission and values of Hickory Hill Baptist Church.
- I understand the mission and values of HHBC Sports.
- I realize that as a coach of HHBC Sports I represent Hickory Hill Baptist Church to the public.
- I will do my best to teach and set an positive example for my players and their parents.
- I understand the responsibilities of a coach that were presented in this coach's handbook.

Coach: _____ Date: _____