

Coach-Player Interaction Policy

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Protect our players from sexual, emotional, and physical abuse or harassment.
2. Provide our coaches with guidelines designed to keep them from being put into a compromising position.
 - Coaches will not provide individual players with transportation to/from BHFC practices, matches or tournaments unless accompanied by a chaperone, and only then with the permission of the player's parent or guardian. In the case of organized group travel to a team or club function, the coach may be the driver of the vehicle without a chaperone provided there are two or more players in the vehicle with the coach.
 - Under normal circumstances unsupervised off-the-field communications directly between a coach and a player should go through the team manager. We recognize, however, that this will not always be the case. Coaches are advised to keep conversations on a professional level, and be sure the player's parents or guardians are aware of the communication. BHFC recommends that the team manager be copied on all direct email correspondence between a coach and a player.
 - BHFC requests that at least one parent or guardian cover every practice. Ideally, the parent or guardian will be the opposite sex of the team coach.
 - Parents and guardians should make every effort to pick their children up from practice at the scheduled end time for that practice. If a player's parent or guardian is late, the parent/guardian covering that practice should remain at the field, with the player and the coach, until the player's parent/guardian arrives. If a parent/guardian is habitually late the matter is to be reported to the BHFC VP of Teams.
 - Coaches should not meet one-on-one with players. Another adult should be present at all individual coach/player meetings.
 - A coach will not date a BHFC player. A coach will not date a former BHFC player who is under the age of 18.
 - A coach will not socialize with a BHFC player unless the activity is properly chaperoned.
 - Any observed or suspected abuse or harassment, or violation of this policy, should be reported to the Vice President of Teams immediately.

I have read and understand this policy.

Team Coach Signature:

_____ Date: _____