



Coaches Code of Conduct

- a) Coaches must remember a child doesn't care how much you know, until he/she knows how much you care.
- b) Be a positive role model for your players.
- c) Winning is a consideration, but not the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember that players are involved in hockey for fun.
- d) Display emotional maturity.
- e) Be alert to the physical safety of players.
- f) Be generous with your praise when it is deserved.
- g) Be fair and just, do not criticize players publicly.
- h) Teach good sportsmanship, respect parents, opponents, and officials.
- i) Be patient and understanding, be upbeat and encourage fun.
- j) Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques, and strategies of hockey.
- k) Be an effective communicator; do not just yell at the players or officials.
- l) Recognize your influence on players; be honest and consistent.
- m) Teach the importance and value of teamwork.
- n) Emphasize the development of the fundamental skills of hockey.
- o) Adjust to personal needs and problems of players.
- p) Maintain open lines of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of our Association.
- q) Never verbally or physically abuse a player or official.



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- r) When conversing with your players, or in the event that an official wishes to converse with you, be conscious of your position on the bench. Do not carry on a conversation while you are towering over the individual so that there is an intimidation aspect to your actions. (This would include standing on the bench with your foot on top of the boards. This posture may incur a bench minor penalty) Eye level is best.
- s) Give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem.
- t) Organize practices to be fun and challenging for your players.
- u) Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- v) Never use profanity around players, parents, or officials.