



**Beloit Youth Hockey Association**

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## **BYHA Coach's Code of Conduct**

As a Coach of the Beloit Youth Hockey Association (BYHA), I hereby pledge to conduct myself in a manner that complies with the "Zero Tolerance Policy" of USA Hockey.

As a Coach, I agree to:

- Follow all of BYHA's rules and by-laws.
- Be a positive role model to my players and fellow coaches. Display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Respect my opponent's coaches and players.
- Speak to referees respectfully on and off the ice; verbal abuse and/or threatening behavior will not be tolerated. Keep in mind there is a nationwide shortage of referees in hockey, most of whom are kids.
- Be generous with praise when it is deserved; be consistent and fair when critiquing the efforts of all players. Demeaning and abusive criticism/behavior is to be avoided. Learn to be a more effective communicator and coach.
- Adjust to players' personal needs and problems; be a good listener; never verbally or physically abuse a player or official; give **all players** the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence, and develop self-esteem; teach players the basics.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for the players. Familiarize myself with hockey's rules, techniques and strategies; encourage all my players to be team players.
- Maintain an open line of communication with my players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of our association.

- Be concerned with the overall development of my players. Stress good health habits and clean living for their own well-being and improved performance.
- Keep in mind that to play the game is great, to love the game is greater.
- It is expected that coaches, players, and spectators exercise total cooperation with their respective Code of Conduct at all times.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of coaches, players, or spectators will **not** be tolerated and could result, without warning, in expulsion or suspension from BYHA or Edwards Ice Arena. No individual or team refunds will be given if expulsion or suspension occurs. Unsportsmanlike conduct can include, but is not limited to: trash-talking, bullying, taunting, foul language, verbal abuse, and/or intimidation of teammates, opponents, spectators, game referees, or other Association members.
- Violations of any of the above guidelines may result in a meeting with the Grievance Committee to discuss the situation. Possible consequences may include, but are not limited to, suspension from a game, multiple games, or even removal from the coaching staff.
- Reach out to the BYHA Coaching Director with any questions or concerns about coaching or anything listed above.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature \_\_\_\_\_