

SHAKOPEE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (“SYHA”) COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

As a coach for the _____ season, I, _____, agree to the following Shakopee Hockey Coach Code of Conduct.

I understand that:

1. Coaching youth hockey is a privilege, not a right.
2. Sportsmanship, player development, and fair play are fundamental to the mission of SYHA.
3. I am expected to comply with all SYHA, District 6, Minnesota Hockey, USA Hockey, and SafeSport rules, policies, and standards.
4. Failure to uphold these standards may result in disciplinary action as outlined in the SYHA Handbook.

Because I understand the above, I agree that:

1. Player safety, well-being, and long-term development will always take precedence over winning.
2. I will comply with all SYHA, District 6, Minnesota Hockey, USA Hockey, and SafeSport rules and policies, and report violations when required.
3. I will treat every player with dignity and respect, recognizing each player's unique abilities and needs.
4. I will implement the coaching standards, player development initiatives, and coaching expectations established and communicated by the SYHA Hockey Development Committee (HDC).
5. I will prepare a written practice plan before each practice, share it with my coaching staff in advance, and utilize SYHA-approved coaching resources in delivering practices.
6. I will manage practices and games in a manner that promotes fair opportunities for player development.
7. I will complete player evaluations accurately and in a timely manner using SYHA's evaluation process.
8. I will communicate honestly, respectfully, and professionally with players, parents, coaches, officials, and volunteers.
9. I will foster an environment free from bullying, harassment, intimidation, or abusive behavior.
10. I will use age-appropriate language, model emotional maturity, and serve as a positive role model on and off the ice.
11. I will praise effort and achievement, administer discipline fairly, and never demean, insult, or intentionally embarrass a player.
12. I will demonstrate and promote good sportsmanship, treating teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators with respect while representing SYHA with integrity.
13. I will not coach while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, or use tobacco, nicotine, or vaping products in the presence of players during SYHA activities.
14. I accept responsibility for my conduct and that of my team and will self-report to the SYHA Board within three (3) days if I receive a game misconduct or am directed by an official, rink personnel, or Board member to leave a SYHA-sanctioned event.
15. I will conduct myself with class in both victory and defeat, recognizing that my behavior sets the standard for my players.

Coach Printed Name: _____

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____