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1.0 Overview Section

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide all SYHA players a supportive environment to develop positive life skills, both on and off the ice, by ensuring that coaches model positive and supportive behavior at SYHA events.

1.2 Scope:

This policy applies to all coaches of SYHA players at all activities including games, practices, and SYHA events.

1.3 Implementation:

Implementation is in accordance with *Effective by Date*.

1.4 Responsibilities:

Function Responsibility

Association Members (Coaches)	Review and sign acknowledgement of the code of conduct at the beginning of season. Report any violations per the problem solving document.
Coaching committee	Ensure that all coaches understand and have signed a code of conduct. Work with team managers to ensure the code is being followed and to report any violations.
Team managers	Know the Code of Conduct and inform parents of where to find it.
Board Members	Be open to discuss issues and concerns and work to resolve in a timely manner.

1.5 Rationale:

Provide a supportive and encouraging environment for all members to strengthen and obtain positive life skills and become the best person/player they can be.

2.0 Definitions

Term Definition

None

3.0 General Policy Statement

It is Somerset Youth Hockey Association's requirement that all coaches review and sign the coaches code of conduct so they understand the philosophy and expectations for conducting themselves in and around players, officials and other members as positive role models and to encourage all players.



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3.1 Procedure

3.1.1 COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

The following Code of Conduct will be in effect for all Somerset Youth Hockey Association (SYHA) sponsored events, including games, practices, scrimmages, travel, team meetings or any other SYHA event – on and off the ice.

Coaches Rules and Responsibilities:

1. Create a positive atmosphere where players should be encouraged to practice and play at full speed without worrying about being reprimanded for mistakes.
2. Treat all players, coaches, parents and referees with respect. SYHA coaches will not intimidate, threaten, or physically harm a player, parent, or official for any reason.
3. Remember you are a role model for your team and its players—set a good example. Be supportive, patient, understanding, and encouraging.
4. SYHA Coaches will adhere to the following:
 - a. SYHA disciplinary reporting policy.
 - b. USA Hockey Safesport Policy.
 - c. USA Concussion Policy.
 - d. USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy.

Coaches agree to follow these principles, as a coach of any SYHA or competitive team. Consistent action deviating from these values, or which disrupt the teams' ability to function, other players' ability to learn, representation of SYHA in other cities will not be tolerated.

EVERY SYHA coach is required to follow the code of conduct policies. If a coach violation does occur, procedure is followed according to Section 4.0 of the SYHA Problem Solving and Grievance Procedures. PLEASE NOTE: Based on the seriousness of the offense, the Board holds the right to take further action, including immediate suspension and/or permanent dismissal from Association activities. In accordance with policies in effect at the time, the appropriate body within WAHA and USA Hockey will be notified.

Repeat offenders (Year over Year) will be subject to enhanced and/or expedited discipline by the SYHA Board, including the possible removal from the Association. If enhanced and/or expedited disciplinary action is required a meeting will be scheduled with members of the SYHA Board and coach involved in the incident(s).

This Code of Conduct supports Wisconsin Hockey core values of: GROWTH, RESPECT, ADMINISTRATION, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, TRAINING, EDUCATION, FAIR AND EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES, COMMUNICATION, FUN AND SAFETY.



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4.0 Document Information

4.1 Attachments

None

4.2 Governing Documents

Document Title

None

4.3 Reference Documents

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None

4.4 Description of Change

4.5 Distribution

Coaches at the time of registration

All SYHA members, as available on the SYHA website

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