



## COACH POLICY, version 1.0.0

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### COACHING

Coaches are vital to the success of every team. TYH offers a service hours reduction of 100% to one head coach and 50% to each assistant coach. Assistant coaches must assist on ice at the majority of practices and games to receive service hours. Service hours will not be available to "bench" coaches (coaches who are only available at games).

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete and follow all requirements of USA Hockey (USA Hockey registration, SafeSport, background check, online modules for appropriate age level, and certification clinic).
- Sign the TYH Coach's Code of Conduct

Coaches are only allowed to be the Head Coach of one team at any level. If there are vacant coaching positions, the TYH Board of Directors will be in charge of finding a coach for that open position and/or could allow a coach of another team at any level to be a coach of more than one team.

COACHES (To be reviewed and signed at the beginning of season coaches meeting by coaches as a member of a TYH, participating in USA Hockey for the current season.)

### COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

- Never verbally or physically abuse a player, official, parent, spectator or coach.
- Care more about the child than winning the game--winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one.
- Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- Give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence, and develop self-esteem.
- Adjust to each player's personal needs and challenges. Be a good listener.
- Encourage all your players to be team players
- Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of your players.
- Be generous with your praise when deserved, be consistent, honest, fair and just.
- Never criticize players publicly.
- Maintain an open line of communication with your players and their parents.
- Reinforce the goals and objectives of TYH.
- Teach the basics, continue to study and learn the game to become a better coach and communicator.
- Know the rules, techniques, and strategies of hockey.
- Organize ADM practices that are challenging and fun for your players.
- Encourage equal playing time for all players
- Follow all USA Hockey Coaching Requirements
- Follow the Wisconsin Concussion Law and TYH guidelines.
- No cell phone use permitted on the bench unless there is an emergency situation.
- Never be under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol while coaching any game or practice.
- As a coach, you will be held accountable for your actions both on and off the ice.
- As a member of TYH, you represent our teams and association at practices/games, hotels, restaurants, etc.

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- TYH expects you to conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and to observe the following coach's rules:
  - Respect – You are to show respect at all times for coaches, officials, players, spectators and opponents.
  - Do not argue with referees, linesman, timekeepers, scorekeepers, spectators or coaches. Disrespect will not be tolerated and will result in appearances before the Coaching Committee.
- Profanity – ZERO TOLERANCE. Use of profanity is strictly prohibited on the ice, in locker rooms, hotels, restaurants while representing TYH. The first violation of this policy will result in a verbal warning. A second violation will result in a one (1) game suspension. The TYH Board shall determine the penalty for repeated violations.

Intentionally damaging equipment and/or facilities will result in appearances before the Discipline Committee.

## **AGREEMENT**

I understand and acknowledge that I have read the COACH POLICY and agree to the terms.

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Signature

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Date