



## NASHOBA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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### COACH/MANAGER CODE OF CONDUCT

As a coach or Manager for Nashoba Youth Hockey, I agree to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

- 1. Make fun first!**
- 2. Create an environment that builds (in this order):**
  - Good people
  - Good athletes
  - Good hockey players
- 3. Show unparalleled respect for:**
  - The Game
  - The Officials
    - Ensure all Nashoba players are taught to pick up pucks after the whistle and hand them to the referee
    - Every player and coach will shake hands / fist bump and thank all officials post-game
  - The Opponent (players, coaches, families)
    - Teams should appoint game captains to shake hands/fist bump with referees and opposing coaches during warmups
  - The Rinks
    - Leave locker rooms cleaner than you found them (within reason)
- 4. Play every player as equally as possible**
  - “Earning” ice time should not be a factor until high school
- 5. Coach for long term improvement, not “wins”**
- 6. Have intelligent in-game interaction with players**
  - Coach on the bench, not from the bench
  - Absolutely no “Joystick Coaching” (ie. “get there!”, “skate!”, “shoot!”, etc.)
- 7. Allow players to make mistakes. Room to fail = Room to grow. “Let them play!”**
- 8. Maximize practice time by using practice plans (Don’t wing it!)**
- 9. Lastly, but most importantly, walk away from problems/disputes with other adults**
  - You are an ambassador for NYHA and an example to your players. Your players see everything. Remember that cell phones, cameras and LiveBarn are everywhere.
  - Problems are never resolved with anger. Walk away and report problems afterward to a board member. It will not matter who was right or wrong, or who was the aggressor, when 10 seconds of an issue are on the news and/or social media.