



COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

NAME: _____

To be read and signed by you as a coach of Team: _____
participating in USA Hockey for the _____ season.

1. Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game.
2. Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
3. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent; be honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don't yell at players.
4. Adjust to personal needs and problems of players, 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 them the basics.
5. Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey; encourage all your players to be team players.
6. Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association.
7. Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
8. To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code Agreement

The undersigned coach acknowledges that USA Hockey has adopted a Coaching Ethics Code and that the undersigned has read, understands, has agrees to abide by such currently issued Coaching Ethics Code as described below.

Rules and Regulations – VII. Coaching Program

D. Coaching Ethics Code

All USA Hockey ice hockey coaches (head, assistant and instructors) must abide by the USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code, and understand that violations may result in full or partial forfeiture of coaching privileges in programs, at sites or events under USA Hockey's governance. The ethics code agreement states that the coach and/or instructor has read and will abide by USA Hockey's Coaching Ethics Code.

Ice hockey coaches and instructors need only have to sign this commitment each hockey season. All coaches have an obligation to be familiar with USA Hockey's Coaching Ethics Code, or as it may be amended from time to time. Lack of awareness or misunderstanding of an ethical standard is not itself a defense to a charge of unethical conduct (See USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code Booklet).

All registered USA Hockey ice hockey coaches and instructors of USA Hockey programs must sign the coaching ethics code agreement in order to be eligible to coach or instruct in any regular-season activities (practices, clinics, games, tournaments, tryouts, etc.), state, district, regional playoff, national championships or in the USA Hockey Player Development Program.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code.

Association Name _____

Team _____

Coach Name (printed) _____

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____