



St. Louis Lady Cyclones Youth Hockey Organization Coaches Code of Conduct Rules

Participation In SLLC is subject to all members obeying the Code of Conduct Rules set forth for all Players, Parents and Coaches... Cyclones Youth Hockey Organization is a not-for-profit 501c (3) organization. This organization is a private club governed by the nine Directors (herein, The Board). As a private club, youth affiliation is subject to adhering to the code of Conduct Rules which the Board has set out for all parents, coaches and players. You should be familiar with the Code of Conduct rules for players, parents or coaches. Failure to adhere to these rules will, at the discretion of the Board, result in the scheduling of a mandatory disciplinary hearing in front of the Board. Ruling made at this hearing, failure to appear at a hearing and/or a repeat offense may result in you and/or your child being removed from participating in this club. The Cyclones will also support any ruling made by MO Hockey (in addition to the Board's ruling) should you be called to appear before the rules and discipline committee of MO Hockey.

ZEROTolerance: SLLC follows the USA Hockey zero tolerance policy. Any player, parent or coach who conducts themselves in a manner found to be detrimental to the welfare of this club may be removed from participating in this club temporarily or permanently.

SLLC *Coaches* CODE OF CONDUCT (Coaches must read and sign below):

- *Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Focus on effort and learning. Hold players to a high standard, but remember, players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.
- *Be a positive role model to your players and always display emotional maturity.
- * Always be alert to the physical safety of players.
- *Be generous with 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; do not raise your voice or yell at players in anger or frustration.
- *Do not use profanity.
- *Adjust to personal needs and problems of players and be a good listener
- *Never verbally or physically abuse a player.
- *Give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach them the basics; provide constructive feedback when correcting mistakes (do not punish a player for making mistakes – treat a mistake as an opportunity to learn).
- *Never verbally or physically abuse an opponent or official. If an opponent or official is not addressing unsafe play, address the situation but behave in a positive manner and do not escalate the situation. If an incident is not resolved at the time, please contact the club President or the club's Missouri Hockey representative for further action.
- *Be respectful of officials and promote sportsmanship at all times. Be gracious winners and gracious losers. Coaches should not outwardly criticize, question or make demonstrable actions that would give the impression to the players that the referee's authority is not being given the proper respect. Any questions should be done in a one-on-one sidebar with the official outside of the players hearing.
- *Always come to the rink prepared. Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey.
- *Maintain an open line of communication with your players and your players' parents, including expectations. Explain the goals and objectives of your team and of your association or if any disciplinary measures were taken with respect to their child.
- *Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits. Take time to teach the players lessons they can use outside of the rink, such as perseverance, respect for themselves and others and being a good teammate.
- *Wear appropriate attire when on the ice for practice (e.g., Lady Cyclones branded jacket, sweatshirt or shirt; no shorts or jeans) and behind the bench for games and always be aware that you are representing our organization when you are wearing our logo.
- *Be mindful of any comments about any person's physical appearance and ensure they are age and situation appropriate. Keep in mind that even benign or perceived positive comments about physical appearance have the potential to be taken the wrong way, so exercise good judgment and when in doubt don't say it.
- *Do not drink alcohol on any day in which the team has games or practices until after the completion of such games or practices.
- *Follow the rules and regulations promulgated by the St. Louis Lady Cyclones, as well as any applicable USA Hockey, MO Hockey and NIHL rules and regulations, including obtaining and maintaining all coaching requirements and certifications for the age level being coached.
- *Follow the direction of the St Louis Lady Cyclones President, the Director of Coaching and the Director of Hockey or his or her designee.
- *Cooperate with other coaches within the organization, recognizing that we can all learn from each other and that skills taught at the lower age levels are important foundations for skills development at the older age levels.
- *At all times represent and promote the best interests of the St. Louis Lady Cyclones organization with class and pride.

As a volunteer of the St. Louis Lady Cyclones youth hockey organization, I hereby promise to abide by the Coaches code of conduct and ethics set forth above. My signature below indicates that I agree to follow the Coaches code of conduct and will accept the SLLC's BOD's disciplinary decision should I break any of the above rules.

Signed _____ Printed _____ Date _____