

## Code of Conduct for Coaches

- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one nor the most important one. I will care more about the child than winning the game. I will remember that players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.
- I will be a positive role model to my players. I will maintain my self control at all times and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- I will not appear for games or practices while intoxicated by alcohol or drugs.
- I will show respect for on-ice and off-ice officials, players on both teams and coaches at all times.
- I will be generous with my praise when it is deserved. I will be consistent, honest, fair and just. I will not criticize players publicly and I will learn to be a more effective communicator and coach. I will not yell at players.
- I will adjust to the personal needs and problems of players, be a good listener, and never verbally or physically abuse a player or official. I will give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem, and teach them the basics.
- I will respect all facilities and their staff.
- I will recognize and ensure the rights of players to compete without abuse in any form, harassment or discrimination.

### REMINDER:

- Our volunteers are truly appreciated and held in the highest regard. Unfortunately the odd occasion occurs where we need to remind volunteers that they are not to use their position to favour their children over others in any way. Some rules we have need to be reinforced :
  - all on-ice assistants or coaches must play at a level at least two divisions higher. For example our helpers in the IP program must be PeeWee age or higher, Atom helpers must come from Bantam and PeeWee helpers from Midget. No exceptions will be considered. All on-ice assistants must be pre-approved by the appropriate VP (Development, Recreation, Competitive) with the determining factor being the value they will add when on the ice.

- only players who are registered members of the team are allowed to go on the ice during practice. Siblings/friends and others are not welcome. Exceptions to this rule would only be considered if a team was significantly short players for a practice and in that case the additional players should come from teams playing in the same age category. Pre-approval would again be required from the respective VP's.
- coaches are not allowed to assess their own child or those competing for positions against their child during the competitive try-out process.

Coaches sign-off - \_\_\_\_\_