



CODES OF CONDUCT

PREFACE.

Above all else, athletics at the high school (scholastic) level is an educational endeavor. Student-athletes learn lessons that serve them for their entire lives. Among these are sportsmanship, perseverance, teamwork, and appropriate responses to winning and to losing.

Because of their position to influence young athletes, coaches are expected to be role models to their players. Winning is a consideration but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember-players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.

Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity, and be alert to the physical safety of players.

Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, be consistent, honest, be fair and just, do not criticize players publicly, learn to be a more effective communicator and coach, don't yell at players.

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 players' confidence and build their self-esteem, teach the basics.

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.

Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association.

Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.

Included are Codes Of Conduct forms for both Coaches and Players. These forms must be properly executed and included within the Team Binder to be available by or before the start of the regular season.



Codes of Conduct for Coaches

Above all else, athletics at the high school level is an educational endeavor. Athletes learn lessons that serve them for their entire lives. Among these are sportsmanship, perseverance, teamwork, and appropriate responses to winning and to losing. Coaches are often instrumental in this process.

The coach sets the tone for these lessons, and the coach's behavior serves as a model to the crowd and most of all, to the athletes.

Athletic coaches are expected to reflect a positive attitude in all their approaches to and their interactions with officials and opponents. There can never be justification for the physical or verbal abuse of an athlete, nor for the personal malignant in any form. Coaches are expected always to treat every athlete with dignity and respect.

Swearing and the use of obscenities are always inappropriate, whether at practice or during an event.

To be successful, all coaches shall:

1. Become thoroughly knowledgeable in his/her sport and should be constantly reading, attending clinics, and keeping an open-minded approach toward changes in teaching and coaching techniques.
2. Treat all the athletes as individuals with separate needs and desires. Act as if the athlete were your own son/daughter and think how you would like them to be treated.
3. Be firmly committed to doing the job of coaching in the most positive and dignified manner possible. The coach must decide upon a set of moral and ethical standards for his/her life in our work and must feel that if coaching cannot be done in a manner that reflects these standards, then it is not worth doing.
4. Set a good example in appearance, behavior, and language. Athletes should set the best example of the school. Any discourteous or unethical conduct by any coach will not be tolerated.
5. Follow the rules of the school and hockey league to letter. Be loyal to them and expect your athletes to do the same. They are there to protect the athlete and the Coach.
6. The IHF is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for its players, coaches and spectators. Coaches (and/or assistant coaches) suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances while acting in a coaching capacity in the IHF will be required to submit to screening tests, including urine, blood or other analyses. Positive tests will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may result in immediate termination.

I agree to comply with these IHF Codes of Conduct:

Name (print) _____
Signature _____ Date _____
School Name _____ Team / Division _____
(Varsity, JVA, JVB, JVC)
Home Address _____
Phone Day _____ Night / Cell _____
E-Mail Address _____



Players Conduct Form

A major part of athletics at the high school level is not only sports; it is also an educational endeavor. Athletes learn lessons that serve them for their entire lives. Among these are sportsmanship, perseverance, teamwork, and appropriate responses to both winning and losing.

Athletes are expected to reflect a positive attitude in their approaches to and their interactions with officials, coaches, opponents, and fans. There can never be justification for the physical or verbal abuse of an official, coach, opponent or fan.

Athletes are always expected to treat others with dignity and respect. Swearing and the use of obscenities is always inappropriate, no matter whether it takes place at practice or during a game.

To be successful, all athletes shall:

1. Treat all opponents, officials, fans, and coaches with respect and decency;
2. Be committed to being the best and most dignified student athlete participating at the game;
3. Set a good example in appearance, behavior and language. Players should remember that they are representing their school both on and off the rink. Any discourteous or unethical conduct by any player will not be tolerated;
4. Follow the rules of the school and IHF hockey league to the letter. Be loyal to these rules and expect your fellow players to do the same. The rules are there to serve and protect everyone; and
5. The IHF is committed to providing a safe and sane environment for the players to practice and play hockey. Players suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled substance while within the confines of the rinks will be dismissed from the premises, suspended, and possibly expelled from the league.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may result in immediate suspension and possible expulsion from the league.

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