## **Walker Youth Hockey Association**

## Coach's Code of Conduct

The Walker Youth Hockey Association takes pride in our coaches. As the highest representative of the Walker Youth Hockey at any game and/or team function, it is important that our coaches set the example for the team and the community.

## Therefore:

- 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.
- I will be a positive role model to your players. Display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- I will be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don't yell at players.
- I will 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 players the basics.
- I will 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.
- I will maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association.
- I will be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers and referees at any youth hockey event.
- I will treat players, fellow coaches, opponents, facilities, fans and referees with respect.
- I will refrain from the use of any inappropriate language within the presence of players.
- I will respect and adhere to all rules and Code of Conduct of Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
- I understand that if I cannot abide by these rules or violate them I will be subject to disciplinary action.
- To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.

Coaches Signature:	Date:
Coaches Name (Printed):	
2022-2023 Team:	

This signed Code of Conduct must be submitted to your child's team manager. The team manager must submit all conduct forms to the Registrar in order for your team to be registered for the season. Noncompliance may result in ineligibility for your player.