

Aberdeen Hockey Association Coach Responsibilities and Conduct

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Coaches Code of Conduct shall be consistent with the AHA mission statement.

"The Aberdeen Hockey Association will provide the youth of the Aberdeen area opportunities, both recreational and competitive, to participate in ice hockey. Lifetime lessons will be learned in: responsibility, physical fitness, discipline, cooperation, sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership, and most important, "fun" with peers."

- You are a teacher of hockey skills and responsible for the social, psychological, and physical development of all players on your team and accountable to the HDC Director and AHA Board.
- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than the winning of the game. Remember, players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment
- Be a positive role model to your players, other coaches and the officials. Display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of the players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, be consistent and honest, be fair and just, do not just criticize players publicly, learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don't yell at the players.
- Adjust to the personal needs and problems of the 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 basic; provide constructive feedback.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey; encourage all of your players to be TEAM players.
- Be present at all practices and games. Make arrangements for assistant coaches to run practices when impossible to attend.
- Maintain open lines of communications with your players and player's parents. Explain the goals and objectives for the season.
- Be concerned with the overall development of each player. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- Use the resource material available through the AHA, SDAHA, and USA Hockey.
- To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.

The coaches are accountable to the HDC Committee and the AHA Board. All AHA coaches are required to sign the following code of conduct at the beginning of each season and return to the HDC Director before play begins.

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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

Therefore:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers and referees at any youth event.
2. I will treat all players, fellow coaches, opponents, facilities, fans and referees with respect.
3. I will refrain from the use of any inappropriate language within the presence of players, parents, officials and fans.
4. I will not use any tobacco products while in the arena at a team/AHA function.
5. I will not be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other mood altering substances at any team practice, scrimmage, game, tournament, or AHA activity.
6. I will not engage in any type of sexual or physical abuse with any hockey players.
7. I will respect and adhere to all rules of AHA, SDAHA, and USA Hockey.
8. I understand that if I cannot abide by these rules or violate them, I will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the AHA handbook.

(Any violation to #5 or #6 of the Coaches Code of Conduct will result in immediate termination. All other violations will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the HDC and its HDC Director, and or including the President of AHA)

Coaches Signature:_____

Date:_____

Coaches Name (Printed)_____

Team:_____

This signed Coaches Code of Conduct must be submitted to your HDC Director. The HDC Director will submit all forms to the AHA Registrar in order for your team to be registered for the season. Noncompliance may result in ineligibility for your team.

