

MONROE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION COACHES EXPECTATIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

1. All coaches' applications will be screened by the Hockey Development Coordinator (HDC) & Monroe Youth Hockey Association Board (MYHA). Head coaches will be nominated by the Hockey Development Coordinator or MYHA Board and approved by the Board of Directors. Assistants will be nominated by the head coach, HDC and approved by the Board of Directors.
2. Coaches will attend all coaches meetings and clinics as required by MYHA, WAHA and USA Hockey.
3. All coaches must be properly registered with USA Hockey, must have their age specific USA Hockey module complete for the age they are coaching, must be SafeSport certified and have their background screening check.
4. All coaches must sign a WAHA Coach Concussion and SCA Acknowledgement Form <https://www.wahahockey.com/page/show/7572898-concussion-and-safety-info>
5. Coaches are required to be in the locker room at all times while players are present, including before and after games (**new** SafeSport / USA Hockey rule.) There must be at least 2 adults present when only 1 player is in the locker room. Coaches will never be alone with a player in any enclosed room, vehicle or other non-public space.
6. MYHA coaches will conduct all practices, games, and tournaments under guidelines, bylaws, rules and regulations set forth by MYHA, the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. (WAHA) and USA Hockey.
7. Coaches will teach and model positive personal, social, and psychological skills, behaviors and attitudes.
8. Coaches will refrain from using profanity while in the presence of their team; coaches will ensure team managers will refrain from using profanity while in the presence of their team.
9. Coaches will promote good sportsmanship and principles of fair play in all aspects of the program including practices, games and tournament competition.
10. Coaches will discuss a player's skill development and playing ability ONLY with the player and/or the player's parent(s) & other coaches, NEVER with another parent.
11. Head Coach has the final determination of the team schedule, including tournaments.
12. Coaches will conduct a team meeting at the start of the season to go over expectations and team and individual goals. It will also include communication regarding game schedules & tournaments.
13. Coaches will be prepared for all practices and games and will utilize assistant coaches
14. Coaches will ensure all players are invited and included in all team activities
15. Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Coaches need to care more about the development of the player than winning the game. Remember players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.
16. Give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence, and develop self-esteem. Teach the basics.
17. 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.
18. Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Comply with the goals and objectives of your association.
19. All coaches on ice shall wear a properly fitting and secured helmet. No exceptions.
20. Only certified coaches approved by the Hockey Development Coordinator (HDC) or MYHA board are allowed on the ice for practices or on the bench for games. No "helpers" will be allowed without approval of the Hockey Development Coordinator or Board of Directors.
21. Coaches can set their own team rules and disciplinary policies and submit them to the Hockey Development Coordinator. The HDC will submit them to the MYHA board for approval. These shall be communicated to players and parents at the beginning of the season and be fair and consistent. Safety of all players shall be the most important aspect of these rules.

- 22. U6/U8 coaches will ensure equal play time for all players in practices and games, regardless of skill.
- 23. U6/U8 coaches will use all players in all positions including goal. All players should have the opportunity to play in goal, without qualifications.
- 24. U10 coaches will utilize all players in each position, center, wings and defense, to develop diversity of skills in practice and games.
- 25. U12/U14 coaches will move players in different positions when game play allows.
- 26. There will be no more than four (4) coaches in the player box during any game.
- 27. Coaches will follow the zero tolerance policy as outlined by USA Hockey at all home and away games:
 - a. A minor **penalty** for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a **coach**:
 - 1) Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
 - 2) Uses obscene, profane or abusive language to anyone at any time.
 - 3) Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, **players** or spectators.
 - b. Any time that a **coach** persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct **penalty**.
 - c. In addition, any **player/coach** who uses language that is hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game shall be penalized under Rule 601(e.3) resulting in a match **penalty**. Such behavior is reprehensible and has absolutely no place in our game. The offender shall be immediately suspended until a hearing is conducted by the governing USA Hockey Affiliate or Junior League.
- 28. Coaches will read and follow the USA Hockey Coaches Ethics Code found here: [CEP-Ethics-Code](#)

Any coach found not enforcing these policies and procedures or violating the outlined expectations shall be notified and referred to the Hockey Development Coordinator and the board for further disciplinary action, which could range from temporary suspension of coaching duties to being referred to SafeSport to revocation of coaching responsibilities indefinitely.

Coach Printed Name	Coach Signature	Date
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Hockey Development Coordinator	HDC Signature	Date
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