



Mankato Area Hockey Association COACHES Code of Conduct

The intent of the Mankato Area Hockey Association (MAHA) Coaches Code of Conduct policy is to remind coaches of the impact their actions have on the kids and the influence they have on them both on and off the ice. The philosophy of a coach within MAHA is to teach the kids to learn and play the game of hockey while understanding the importance of being a good person and teammate, while working hard and having fun. We can accomplish this together by creating a culture that focuses on making hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants.

Coaches must be prepared for every practice, scrimmage and game. Practices are opportunities to teach and practice skill development, and game situations provide an opportunity to test the skills of the team. Coaches should never place the value of winning over the objective of skill development.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players at practice and at game situations. Whenever players exhibit unsportsman-like behavior to an opponent, a teammate, or another MAHA player it is the responsibility of the coach to immediately address that behavior and end it. Coaches will inform respective parents of any physical or emotional harassment by one party (player, coach etc.) immediately. A member of the coaching staff or designated locker room monitor is required to be in the locker room from the time the first player arrives until the last player has left the locker room.

Every Coach must have one team meeting before the start of the season to communicate team expectations.

"Fair" play should be the guide for coaches. This means that players should have comparable playing time; however, it is understood that certain situations could limit this practice. Coaches should make every effort to comply with the fair play rule. Coaches should also use discretion to keep practices and games in good proportion.

Coaching is a privilege and not a right and may be revoked if there are any violations of the Code of Conducts (player, parent or coaches).

1. I will enforce the MAHA Code of Conduct for Players and Parents.

2. I will teach and demonstrate respect for teammates, opposing players, coaches and officials. This includes not yelling at officials for a “bad or missed” call, standing on the boards or along the glass to yell at an official/opposing coach, or going on the ice to approach an official to argue a call.
3. I will set a good example at all times both on and off the ice.
4. I will agree to attend and obtain the necessary certifications required by Minnesota Hockey and MAHA.
5. I will not be under the influence of alcohol while at any team practice, scrimmage, game, or tournament.
6. I will not use any tobacco products while in an arena.
7. I will place the emotional and physical well being of the players ahead of any personal desire to win.
8. I will do my very best to provide a safe playing environment for my players.
9. I understand that I, or a team representative, need to be present in the locker rooms at all times that players are in the rooms.
10. I will remember that I am a youth coach and that the game is for children to have fun.

MAHA Coaches are expected to adhere to the Coaches Code of Conduct and agree to do so.