

## **Coaches Code of Conduct**

Coaching is teaching in its most perfect and rewarding form. Coaching means finding ways to awaken your players to new and different possibilities. The rewards come as your players begin to reach those possibilities. Treat your players not as who they are, but who they have the potential to become.

- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about your players than winning the game.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Be consistent and honest, fair, and just.
- Be an effective communicator.

I agree to the following Grand Forks Youth Hockey Coaches Code of Conduct policy:

- I will be a positive role model for my players, parents, the opposing team and coaches, referees, and spectators.
- I will engage in good sportsmanship and will represent GFYHA in a positive manner.
- I will treat players, fellow coaches, opponents, facilities, fans, and referees with respect.
- I will develop each player as much as possible within the limits of their physical and mental abilities.
- I will complete all USA Hockey coaching requirements: USA Hockey registration, background screening, SafeSport, USA Hockey age specific module, and CEP level course.
- I will immediately report any USA Hockey or SafeSport suspected violation to GFYHA.

Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association adopts USA Hockey and SafeSport's zero tolerance against physical and emotional misconduct, abusive behavior, bullying, threats, and harassment. Additionally, obscene language or gestures, and other detrimental behavior directed towards players, coaches, other GFYHA members, referees, opponents, or spectators will not be tolerated and will be subject to discipline.

Violation of the Coaches Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action ranging from a verbal warning up to suspension from all team functions. Continual abuse of conduct may result in permanent removal from the Grand Forks Youth Hockey Association.

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