

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

All coaches of the Madison Patriots or Madison Dragons under the Patriots Youth Hockey Association (PYHA) and USA Hockey are ambassadors of the Patriots Youth Hockey Association (PYHA) and USA Hockey, both on and off the ice. We are all committed to conduct ourselves in a positive manner. Whether you are at our home rink or away rink, in the locker room, traveling to tournaments, at a hotel, or at any Patriot/team events. It is our intent **TO FACILITATE A POSITIVE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL INVOLVED, AT ALL TIMES.**

1. I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct, I **WILL** be disciplined.
2. All coaches should embody the PYHA mission and positively reflect the image of the Dragons or Patriots with all competitors and related association members.
3. For the safety, privacy, and protection of all players, I **UNDERSTAND** the use of cell phones, or any recording devices is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**, in the locker room **AT ALL TIMES**. This policy applies to players, coaches, and team personnel, and is in line with USA Hockey's SafeSport Guidelines.
4. I **WILL** enforce or ensure the locker room policies are followed before, during, and after practices and games.
5. Coaches **WILL NOT** allow any bullying or misconduct by any player and are responsible for enforcing and reporting any violations of the PYHA Player Code of Conduct to the ALD.
6. I **WILL** care more about the child than winning the game. Winning is a consideration but not the only one; nor is it the most important one.
7. I **WILL** conduct all practices, games, and tournaments under the guidelines, bylaws, rules, and regulations defined by PYHA, the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA), and USA Hockey.
8. I **WILL** encourage and display good sportsmanship while demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, officials, and volunteers.
9. I **WILL** teach and model desirable personal, social, and psychological skills, behaviors, and attitudes.
10. I **WILL** refrain from using profanity in front of players and refrain from being under the influence of any type of substance while fulfilling my coaching duties.
11. I **WILL** be a positive role model to the players and display emotional maturity.
12. I **WILL** never verbally or physically abuse a player, coach, volunteer, or official.
13. I **WILL** treat players, parents, fans, officials, other coaches, opponents, volunteers, and facilities with respect.
14. I **WILL** be alert to the physical safety of players and manage return-to-play to ensure their long-term health.
15. I **WILL** be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Be consistent, be honest, be fair and just, and do not criticize players publicly including electronic communication or social media.
16. I **WILL** give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence, and develop self-esteem.
17. I **WILL** be prepared for practices and games and adjust to the personal needs and challenges of the players/team.
18. I **WILL** organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players and encourage all players to be team players.
19. I **WILL** maintain an open and positive line of communication with my skaters, their guardians, and other volunteers.
20. I **WILL** be concerned with the overall development of your players.
21. I **WILL** be an active student of the game.
22. I **WILL** collaborate with other coaches to improve the overall quality of the PYHA Association and Coaches.
23. I **WILL** be responsible for player conduct on and off the ice during games.
24. I **WILL** follow and help enforce with my skaters/coaches USA Hockey rules with regard to Helmets and Guards.
25. I **WILL** comply with PYHA and or WAHA/USA Hockey direction and or requirements and timelines including first aid training, coaching training, USA Hockey Registration, Background Check/SafeSport and returning PYHA issued equipment (i.e. First Aid Kits, Pucks/Puck bags) as direction in the manner it was received.
26. I **WILL** ensure that any concern, with respect to an organizational decision will be held with the volunteer/Board Member first at an appropriate time, in an appropriate manner, and out of the presence of players, parents, or spectators. If my concern does not demand an immediate response (such as a safety concern), I will refrain from raising my concern for at least 24 hours to help ensure it is rationally addressed.

**NOTE: Violating the Code of Conduct is CUMULATIVE so that violations from prior seasons, do carry forward to the current season. Any coach found to be in direct contradiction of any of these policies and standards in the Coaches' Code of Conduct shall be notified and may result in a meeting with the On-Ice Committee where remediation or potential disciplinary action may be taken.**

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_