



USA HOCKEY COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

NAME: _____

To be read and signed by you as a member of the Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association, and participating in USA Hockey for the current season.

- Understand that winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the development of the player than the winning of the game.
- Remember players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment. Be reasonable, remembering that players have other interests and obligations.
- Teach players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- Be a positive role model to players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Ensure that player behavior is acceptable and non-threatening for all participants.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent, honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach, don't yell at players.
- Adjust to personal needs and problems of 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 basics. Give each team member a fair and honest chance to play.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey; encourage players to be team players.
- Maintain an open line of communication with players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your club/association.
- Be concerned with the overall development of players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- Refrain from the use of abusive, obscene or profane language or gestures.
- Treat everyone fairly, regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- Abstain from use of tobacco, drinking alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, performance enhancing or mind-altering drugs at any C.C.Y.H.A. sanctioned activity or event.
- Understand and teach players that to play the game is great; to love the game is greater.

Signed: _____ Date: _____