

Coach Responsibilities and Code of Conduct:

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- 1. Ensure coaching courses and Criminal Record Checks are up to date and continuously upgrade coaching skills/qualifications as necessary.
- 2. Utilize allocated ice time as effectively as possible.
- 3. Be reasonable when scheduling extra games and practices remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
- 4. Involve parents with decisions on selection of tournaments to attend
- 5. Provide an appropriate selection and variety of drills to develop self-confidence in players.
- 6. Ensure that all players are properly supervised until the last player leaves the dressing room.
- 7. Make every effort to attend coaching meetings as scheduled by Tri Port MHA Hockey Clubs.
- 8. Ensure their players have the required protective equipment and that it is being worn properly at all times.
- 9. Conduct periodic equipment checks.
- 10. Ensure the Club's goaltender's equipment (if applicable) is properly cared for as per the Equipment Manager's Instructions.
- 11. Ensure that all players attending ice times under their supervision are registered with Tri Port MHA
- 12. Maintain control over players at all times and not allow unsafe activities or improper behavior both on and off the ice.
- 13. Ensure that all players go directly to the bench in the result of an on ice injury
- 14. Direct players to go directly to the dressing room when they are removed/ejected from a hockey game by the Referee.
- 15. Familiarize themselves with HOCKEY CANADA, VIAHA, BC Hockey rules with particular attention to penalties and suspensions.
- 16. Familiarize themselves with Tri Port MHA Policies (ie dressing room policy etc), and ensure policies are followed.
- 17. Ensure proper communication with fellow team coaches and officials and hold regular parent meetings.



Minor Hockey Association
P.O. Box 1751, Port McNeill, B.C. V0N 2R0
Port Alice Club, Port Hardy Club, Port McNeill Club,
North Island Eagles, Female Hockey Program

Coach's Code of Conduct:

- 1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of his or her activity, regardless of gender, ethnic background, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- 2. Ensure that courtesy and respect is demonstrated in all team interactions and activities.
- 3. Ensure all athletes receive equal instruction, discipline, support and appropriate, fair playing time.
- 4. Direct comments at the performance rather than the person.
- 5. Always treat officials and their decisions with respect.
- 6. Treat opponents with respect in victory and defeat.
- 7. Teach athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, opponents and teammates.
- 8. Consistently display high personal standards as children need a coach they can respect.
- 9. Act as an appropriate role model to all players at all times.
- 10. Be generous with praise and not ridicule or yell at athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- 11. Ensure fair and consistent discipline
- 12. Refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches.
- 13. Abstain from and discourage the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products while involved with coaching activities.
- 14. Refrain from the use of profane, insulting or otherwise offensive language while coaching.
- 15. Ensure that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the players and educate players as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
- 16. When dealing with injuries, consider the player's future health and well being foremost.
- 17. Recognize and accept when to refer players to other coaches or sport specialists. Allow player's goals to take precedence over your own.
- 18. Regularly seek ways of increasing professional development and self-awareness.
- 19. Co-operate with the player's parents and legal guardians, involving them in the player's development.
- 20. Ensure the safety of the players with whom you are working with.
- 21. Respect player's dignity; verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are always unacceptable.
- 22. Create an atmosphere of SPORTSMANSHIP and RESPECT at all team functions.
- 23. Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.

Coach's Name:	Date:
Coach's Signature:	