

IMHA Coach Code of Conduct



Membership in IMHA is not a right – it is a privilege. Members must abide by the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of IMHA. Members’ behavior is expected to mirror the spirit of this code. All coaches must sign this form before being allowed to participate in IMHA.

- I will respect and adhere to all ideals, policies and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta and Innisfail Minor Hockey;
- I will obtain proper certification and continue to upgrade my coaching skills as required;
- I will familiarize myself with the rules and regulations of Hockey Alberta and the league my team plays in;
- I will exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times;
- I will respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions and teach my players to do the same;
- I will do my best to control the behavior of my players;
- I will refrain from using foul language towards players, other coaches or officials;
- I will refrain from comments or behaviors that are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist;
- I will show respect for the feelings and abilities of my players and the players on the other team;
- I will ensure that my players’ equipment is complete, safe and in good condition;
- I will prohibit unacceptable conduct within the dressing room, at the players bench or on the ice surface;
- I will organize practices that are fun and challenging for players;
- I will familiarize myself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey;
- I will encourage all of my players to be team players;
- I will be prepared for games and practices;
- I will not ask anything of players, other coaches, executive or parents that I would not ask or expect of myself;
- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices;
- I will keep the lines of communication open with parents, players and the executive;
- I will be a positive role model to my players and display emotional maturity by maintaining self-control;
- I will be generous with my praise when it is deserved and encourage players to have confidence in themselves;
- I will not ridicule or yell at players or criticize them publicly;
- I will be consistent, fair and just. I will remember the value of a positive and respectful approach, even in discipline;
- I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and fair* playing time
- I will keep winning in perspective and accept defeat graciously;

***Fair ice time is determined by the coach, weighing factors such as player commitment, work ethic, dedication, coachability, attitude, skill set and situational play throughout the season. Considering these factors, fair may not always translate into equal playing time in ant given game.**

**** IMHA reserves the right to discipline any team, player, parent, coach or manager (up to and including expulsion) for refusing to accept or failing to abide by this Code of Conduct.**

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____