



Smoky Lake Minor Hockey

Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association- Coach Code of Conduct

As a coach of a Smoky Lake Minor Hockey Association (SLMHA) team(s), you have the responsibility to:

- 1) Acknowledge winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. You should care more about the child than winning the game.
- 2) Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- 3) Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent; be honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; do not yell at players.
- 4) Adjust to the 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.
- 5) Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques, and strategies of hockey; encourage all your players to be team players.
- 6) Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association.
- 7) Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- 8) Ensure the locker room and bench are safe places for the players.
- 9) To play the game is great; to love the game is better.

Please review and complete

Coach Contract

- 1) I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations.
- 2) I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, and opponents.
- 3) I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time (U13 and under).
- 4) I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- 5) I will ensure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players' ages and abilities.



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- 6) I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- 7) I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- 8) I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.

I, _____, of _____ do hereby solemnly swear that I will abide by all the rules of the games and SLMHA, that I will respect all calls and decisions of the referees and game officials. I will act at all times as a true sportsman whose desire to win is only second to the love of the game itself.

I, (*print name*) _____, do hereby agree to the terms of the Coach Code of Conduct Agreement stated above.

Coach Signature: _____	Date: _____
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