

### **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. Direct comments or criticism at the **performance** rather than the person.
3. Consistently **display high personal standards** and project a **favorable image** of your sport and of coaching.
4. **Adhere** to the rules and regulations, policies, guidelines etc. of the Swift Current Minor Hockey Association.
5. **Discourage** the use of **drugs, alcohol and tobacco** products in conjunction with sport.
6. **Refrain** from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise **offensive language**.
7. **Ensure** that the activity being undertaken is **suitable** for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the athletes and educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a **safe environment**.
8. **Co-operate** with registered medical practitioners in the overall management of your athletes' medical and psychological problems. Consider the athletes' future health and well-being foremost when making decisions regarding an injured athletes' ability to continue playing or training.
9. **Recognize and accept** when to refer athletes to other coaches or sport specialists. Allow athletes' goals to take precedence over your own.
10. Regularly seek ways of **increasing professional development** and self-awareness.
11. Treat opponents and officials with **respect**, both in victory and defeat and **encourage** athletes to act accordingly.
12. **Co-operate** with the athletes' **parents and legal guardians**, involving them in their child's development.
13. **Be aware** of the academic pressures placed on student athletes and strive to allow academic success.
14. At **no time** become **intimately** and/or **sexually involved** with your athletes. This includes requests for sexual favors or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such requests.
15. **Respect** athletes' **dignity**, verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable. (Definition of harassment is attached)
16. Coaches are **role models**. As such, you shall always conduct yourself to as to maintain the highest principles, integrity and dignity of the game of hockey.
17. Coaches are **responsible** for knowing, understanding and following all rules of the game.
18. Coaches are **educators**. The rink serves as classrooms, practices provide skills and competition allows for the pursuit of excellence. This primary function of the coach must never be disregarded.
19. Coaches should **never** place the value of a win above the objective of instilling the highest ideals and character traits in their players. The **safety and welfare** of the players should always be uppermost in their mind and these values must never be sacrificed for personal prestige or personal gain.

I, hereby agree to abide by this Coaches Code of Conduct:

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Name of coach (please print)

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

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Signature of coach