Waupun Hockey Association- Disciplinary Committee
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COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

(To be reviewed and signed at the beginning of season coaches meeting by coaches as a member of a WHA, participating in USA Hockey for the current season.)

1. All coaches must follow all USA Hockey coaching rules, requirements and obtain proper certification(s).
2. Never verbally or physically abuse a player, official, parent, spectator or other coach.
3. Care more about the child than winning the game — winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one.
4. Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
5. Give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence, and develop self esteem.
6. Encourage all your players to be team players.
7. Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of your players.
8. Be generous with your praise when deserved, be consistent, honest, fair and just. Never criticize players publicly.
9. Maintain an open line of communication with your players and their parents. Reinforce the goals and objectives of WHA.
10. Teach the basics, continue to study and learn the game to become a better coach and communicator.
11. Know the rules, techniques, and strategies of hockey.
12. Organize ADM practices that are challenging and fun for your players.
13. No cell phone cameras, mp3 cameras, video or camera equipment of any kind in the locker room. Locker rooms are for changing — not taking pictures.
14. Follow the Wisconsin Concussion Law and protocol.
15. Never be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while coaching any game or practice.
16. Monitor locker rooms when they are in use for their specific team.

As a coach, you will be held accountable for your actions both on and off the ice. As a member of Waupun Youth Hockey, you represent our teams and association at practices, games, hotels, restaurants, etc. WHA expects you to conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and to observe the following coach's rules:

Respect – You are to show respect at all times for coaches, officials, players, spectators and opponents. Do not argue with referees, linesmen, timekeepers, scorekeepers, spectators or coaches. Disrespect will not be tolerated and will result in appearing before the Discipline Committee.

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Profanity – Use of profanity is strictly prohibited on the ice, in locker rooms, hotels, restaurants while representing WHA.

Conduct on the ice – If a coach receives a misconduct or a game misconduct, the coach will be to USA/WAHA rules. The board may impose additional discipline based on their discretion.

Other inappropriate behavior – will be handled in accordance with the discipline policy. Intentionally damaging WHA equipment and or facilities will result in appearing before the Discipline Committee.

Coaching Responsibilities

- Coaches act as an extension of WHA board members.
- Head coaches should only be the head coach of one team per season. They can be an assistant coach on another team if needed.
- All coaches on the bench must have certification in accordance with USA Hockey Rules.
- Coaches must attend pre-season and in-season meetings put on by the Hockey Director and Hockey Development Committee.
- Coaches must also pass a background check through USA Hockey.
- Coaches must conduct practices in accordance with the ice schedule.
- Coaches may develop guidelines for their team and implement their own team strategies. For example: fore checks, power plays, breakouts, etc.
- Coaches may implement their own forms of discipline/motivation but must inform the board of any individual forms of discipline that are not handled on the ice.
- Coaches will receive credit for ten work hours.
- Coaches will relay any ongoing issues with parents/players to WHA board as necessary.

It is strongly advised that the Head Coach designates an Assistant Coach(s) and designate a person to serve as the Head Coach in their absence.