

BLACK RIVER YOUTH HOCKEY

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than the winning of the game. Remember players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.

Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.

Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach, don't yell at players.

Adjust to 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.

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.

Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association. Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.

All coaches by example are role models and must conduct themselves accordingly. Unsportsmanlike behavior such as swearing, arguing with an official, blatantly criticizing another team, coach or player, drinking, etc., will not be permitted. Discipline and maintenance of a safe, supportive, and teachable environment should be the coach's primary concern.

All coaches will meet together with the Coaching Committee prior to the beginning of the season to review rules, philosophies and policies. Following this meeting, each coach is to hold a Parent/Player meeting prior to the first game to discuss individual policies and concerns. Some but not necessarily all of these topics may include:

DISCIPLINE/ATTITUDE

SPORTSMANSHIP

TEAMWORK

PENALTIES

MISSED PRACTICES

SCHOOL GRADES

SKATING UP TO NEXT LEVEL

INDIVIDUAL SKATING TIME

MUTUAL RESPECT

PARENTS IN LOCKER ROOM