



USA Hockey developed codes of conduct for coaches, parents, players and spectators to help everyone understand the expectations associated with their role in the game.

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- + Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning 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 physical abuse a player or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach players 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.

PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- + Play for fun.
- + Work hard to improve your skills.
- + Be a team player—get along with your teammates.
- + Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
- + Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- + Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, opponents and officials.
- + Be on time.
- + Never argue with an official's decision.



PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- + Do not force your child to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chose sports. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
- + Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- + Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- + Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- + Know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- + Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice—it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in sports.
- + Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- + If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey—and volunteer.

SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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- + Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
- + Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
- + Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
- + Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
- + Help provide a safe and fun environment.