



Metcalfe & District Hockey Association (MDHA)

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT & FAIR PLAY PLEDGE

It is the intention of this Code and Pledge to promote fair play and respect for all participants and all volunteers within the MDHA. All coaches must sign this Code and Pledge before being allowed to participate in minor hockey and must continue to observe the principles of Fair Play as set by Hockey Canada, and fully supported by MDHA.,

1. I understand that Coaching is a privilege and a position of trust within the MDHA Minor Hockey Community, I, therefore, will be a positive role model for my players and will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players maintaining my personal integrity and dignity at all times.
2. I will respect and show appreciation for all the MDHA volunteers and understand that any inappropriate conduct directed towards members of the MDHA Executive, Representatives of other Associations, other Volunteers, Parents, Players or Officials will not be tolerated.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win
4. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
5. I will be reasonable in my demands on the player's time, energy and enthusiasm. I will remember that they have interests and responsibilities other than hockey.
6. I will remember that I am representing the MDHA as well as my team and I will act appropriately at all times demonstrating to the players that they have a Coach they can respect. I will be supportive of the players and set a good example.
7. I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, their opponents and their teammates.
8. I will ensure *all* athletes receive equal instruction, discipline, support and appropriate, fair playing time. I will abide by the GHA Fair Play Rule and Policy, for the level I am coaching.
9. I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
10. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athlete's ages and ability.
11. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills as directed by HEO and Hockey Canada. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all league games, exhibition games, practices and events. I will never coach a game or conduct a practice if I am under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the By-Laws & Rules/Regulations of the MDHA and its governing bodies (GHA, ODMHA, HEO, etc.)

I agree to abide by the principles of the FAIR PLAY CODE as set by the Hockey Canada and supported by the MDHA.

I acknowledge and agree that the Executive of the MDHA may remove me from my position if I fail, refuse or neglect to comply with this undertaking.

PRINT NAME _____ DATE _____

COACH SIGNATURE _____ TEAM NO. _____