

Coaches Code of Conduct

Club Philosophy

The Polar Caps believe involvement in any youth sport should be fun and strives to help children develop a balance between skill improvement and competition. Sportsmanship is stressed at all levels. Hockey is a fast paced, fun game that helps promote these objectives. Polar Caps Coaches emphasize skating, stick handling and positional play within a team environment. Our Coaches attend yearly coaching clinics and are certified by USA Hockey and the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA). Excessively rough play, conduct that is disrespectful to coaches, other players and officials is not tolerated. All players, parents and coaches are required to sign a "Code of Conduct" agreement at the start of the season to help foster a positive family atmosphere within our Club.

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. **Never consume alcohol or illegal drugs prior to any contact with your team including practices, games or team events. The Polar Caps will enforce zero tolerance regarding this issue.**
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent, 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.
- To play the game is great, to love the game is greater.

Electronic Signature:*

- By signing this code of conduct I agree to abide by the spirit of its intent.