

# **Harwood Youth Hockey Association CODES OF CONDUCT**

## **COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game.
2. Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
3. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent, honest; be fair and just; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don't yell at players.
4. 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.
5. Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques, and strategies of hockey; encourage all players to be team players.
6. Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of HYHA.
7. Be concerned with the overall development of ALL your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
8. To play the game is great, to love the game is greater.
9. It is mandatory to maintain the proper level of coaching certification required.

## **PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Parents are encouraged to attend practices and games and be vocal in their encouragement of their child. Don't single out individual players for critical comments. Hockey is a team sport.
2. Refrain from "coaching" from the stands or bleachers. You probably will not be helping the team or any players on the ice.
3. Be sensitive and/or appreciative to the other team and its fans. Sometimes your team will be in similar circumstances.

4. Your attitude and your conduct towards the other team's fans should be beyond reproach. Keep it friendly and respectful!
5. Believe it or not, referees are human, too, and are deserving of respect. They will make mistakes but at least they are trying to do a good job. They don't need a lot of "grief" from some ill-mannered fans.
6. Your child's on-ice and off-ice attitude will reflect how you, the parent, act. Try to maintain a positive attitude about your child's team and his/her progress.
7. If a parent feels that there is a problem, they are required to follow the Parent-Coach Communication Plan and Parent-Coach Complaint Protocol.
8. Parents should not approach the player's bench and talk with the coaches or players during a game.
9. Transportation to and from the local rink and "away" games is the responsibility of the parents. We encourage car-pooling.
10. Hockey is a team sport. Coaches and the HYHA Board of Directors have the authority to discipline players for late arrival, missing a game or practice, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
11. Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, and officials. Coaches need time both before and after each game to communicate with the team members. Parents shall abide by the HYHA Locker Room Policy.

## **PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Play for FUN.
2. Work hard to improve your skills.
3. Be a team player - get along with your teammates.
4. Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
5. Be on time for practices and games.
6. Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
7. Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, opponents, and officials.
8. Never argue with an official's decision. No lashing out at any official no matter what the call is. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.

9. No swearing or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.
10. Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.
11. Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting will result in an appearance before a Discipline Committee.
12. There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco or use of illegal substance at any team function.
13. Conduct yourself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc) during all team functions.
14. Any player or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action.
15. Remember, all negative actions whether on or off the ice reflect not only on the player and parents but the entire HYHA organization.

#### **SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches, and officials.
2. Always act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
3. Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
4. Profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive; cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play.
5. Throwing any items on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials; help provide a safe and fun environment.
6. Do not lean over or pound on the glass surrounding the ice surface.
7. Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
8. Be responsible for your own safety - be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
9. Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, and officials. Spectators must fall the HYHA Locker Room Policy.

## **OFFICIALS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Act in a professional and businesslike manner at all times and take your role seriously.
2. Strive to provide a safe and sportsmanlike environment in which players can properly display their hockey skills.
3. Know all playing rules, their interpretations and their proper application.
4. Remember that officials are "teachers". Set a good example.
5. Make your calls with quiet confidence, never with arrogance.
6. Control games only to the extent that it is necessary to provide a positive and safe experience for all participants.
7. Violence must never be tolerated.
8. Be fair and impartial at all times.
9. Answer all reasonable questions and requests.
10. Adopt a "zero tolerance" attitude toward verbal or physical abuse.
11. Never use foul or vulgar language when speaking with a player, coach, or parent.
12. Use honesty and integrity when answering questions.
13. Admit your mistakes when you make them.
14. Never openly criticize a coach, player, or other official.
15. Use only USA Hockey approved officiating techniques and policies.
16. Maintain your health through a physical conditioning program.
17. Dedicate yourself to a personal improvement and maintenance of officiating skills.
18. Respect your supervisor and his/her critique of your performance.