



## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

To be read and signed by you as a coach of Team: \_\_\_\_\_  
participating in USA Hockey for the \_\_\_\_\_ season.

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; be honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; 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 your players to be team players.
6. Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association.
7. Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
8. To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_