

PYHA Character of the Year Award:

Coaches/Manager for each team can nominate one or two players who exemplify the PYHA Code of Conduct on and off the ice. Submissions need to be turned into the PYHA secretary no later than Feb. 22nd. All submissions will be read and voted on at the February 24th board meeting which will be a closed discussion. Awards will be given at the annual end of year celebration. Submission forms are available on the PYHA Website. Any nomination that does not use the submission form will not be considered.

PYHA Players Code of Conduct:

- I will take pride in the team, contribute to the team's unity and play to the best of my ability.
- I will adhere strictly to the coach's rules and be supportive of the coach's practice plans, game plans and other decisions.
- I will participate in all games and practices unless there is a compelling reason for missing.
- I will be at the rink and other team activities by the appointed time as set by the coach or team manager.
- I understand that hockey is recognized as a team sport; as such, the interests of the team shall take precedence over individual achievement.
- I will not criticize another teammate's play.
- I understand that no player shall criticize referees, coaches or opposing players. The only individuals who may speak to officials are the coaches and/or designated captains under the instructions of their coaches.
- I understand that all players are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner and show good sportsmanship. Destructive or delinquent behavior, during or after a game or practice, will not be tolerated.
- I will be attentive when coaches explain practice drills, game strategy, or passes along other information or instructions.
- I will not attempt to deliberately injure any player(s).
- I will support my teammates and be a team player.
- I recognize that I am representing PYHA and the local community and will act accordingly with pride and respect.
- I will leave the locker and meeting rooms in a clean and orderly manner.
- I will play in an alcohol, tobacco and drug-free sports environment and will adhere to all PYHA guidelines regarding substance abuse and weapons.
- I will return all PYHA equipment and jerseys promptly at the end of the season.
- I will be humble in victory, gracious in defeat.

