

COACHES Code of Behaviour

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of hockey and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the 'just average' need and deserve equal time.
- Help each person (player, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all involved in hockey regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, ability, race, culture or religion.