



## **Coach Code of Conduct High Country Minor Hockey Association**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to this Coaches Code of Conduct operating under the guidelines of the High Country Minor Hockey Association (HCMHA) for the \_\_\_\_\_ season understand and fully agree to the following conditions:

### **I. Responsibilities to the Players and Parents**

1. I am committed to attending the majority (75%) of the team's activities including: games, practices and extra-curricular activities. In the event that I cannot, I will clearly communicate this with the team and provide alternate arrangements in my absence.
2. I agree to adhere to the HCMHA 24 hour rule for dealing with conflicts/communication. See HCMHA Policy and Procedures for more detailed explanation/break down.
3. I will have open honest communication with the players and their parents/guardian.
4. I will be available upon request to discuss any aspect of the team, team activities, practices, games etc with parents and players at a time that suits all parties.
5. I will be fair, helpful and encouraging to all players.
6. I will be respectful to all volunteers, parents, players and officials at all times.
7. I will provide equal instruction, support and fair playing time to all players on my team regardless of skill level.
8. I will not punish or threaten to punish players for mistakes made on the ice.
9. I will not punish or threaten to punish players for being "too good" or scoring "too much".
10. I will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
11. I will not, under any circumstances provide, promote, or condone the use of drugs (legal or illegal), performance-enhancing substances and/or stimulants of any kind, in the case of minors, alcohol, tobacco, vaping or other legalized drugs.
12. I will enforce the philosophy with the players that doing one's best and working their hardest is more important than winning.
13. I will do my best to set a good example for the players.



14. I will never ridicule or yell at a child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

15. I will never ridicule, belittle or insult a player, coach, official or volunteer for any reason.

## **II. Responsibilities to HCMHA**

1. I will thoroughly acquaint myself with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the policies/procedures, by-laws, rules and regulations of HCMHA, Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL) and Hockey Alberta (HA).

2. I agree to understand, follow, abide and respect all of the rulings, by-laws, policies/procedures, rules and regulations of HCMHA, its Executive and appointed committees as well as CAHL and HA.

## **III. Responsibilities – Other**

1. Coaches have the responsibility to conduct themselves and to also assist their players in conducting themselves properly and respectfully when in public as representatives of their team and of HCMHA.

2. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an official, opposing coach or bench before, during or after a game.

3. Officials must have the support of coaches, players and spectators. I agree to refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players or spectators.

By signing this document below, I agree to and I understand that any violation of this document may result in disciplinary actions as outlined in the HCMHA Policies and Procedures Manual.

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

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

