



**Orono Youth Hockey Association
Code of Conduct
for
Coaches
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The Orono Hockey Booster Association and Coaches Board expect that all coaches follow these guidelines. Please read them and sign before any coaching assignment begins. If you have any questions, please contact the Head of the Coaches Board.

As a coach, I will make the following commitments to my team and the parents involved:

1. I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
2. I will insure that all players get equal instruction and support, provided they are willing to learn.
3. I will not ridicule my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged, not ridiculed, to have confidence in themselves.
4. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players' ages and abilities.
5. I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
6. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
7. I will show up to practices and games prepared to teach and set a good example.
8. I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.
9. I will refrain from using profane language and abuse towards players, parents and officials.
10. I will make every effort to give all players the opportunity to "earn equal ice time." I will use my best judgment to put players in positions that develop their individual skills and benefit the development of the team and the hockey program.
11. I will do my best to communicate individual player issues with the parents involved, and escalate issues I cannot resolve to the coaches board and/or the Grievance Chair/Committee of the Booster Board as noted within the Player Code of Conduct.
12. I will follow all USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey and District 3 policies and procedures.
13. I will not use alcohol before any OYHA game or practice and will use my best judgment if using alcohol during a night activity at an out of town team tournament when players and parents are present.
14. I understand that the use of an illegal substance of any kind will be grounds for immediate termination.
15. I will uphold open and respectful communication between parents and coaches.

(Note: this document is part of the online coach registration process, so candidates need to acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions.)