

## LAHA COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches will be asked to read and sign a copy of the following Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct was established so that all coaches understand the commitment needed to make the team a cohesive unit, all working together for the good of the team. Please read and consider the terms carefully. Coaches that breach the Coaches Code of Conduct may be spoken to about their behavior or may be asked to leave the immediate area of the Ice Rink. If an official, tournament director, or a member of the Board of Directors request the coach to leave the immediate area of the Ice Rink or to leave the building the coach will do so. The matter of breach of Coaches Code of Conduct may be referred to the LAHA Discipline Committee for further review and / or action.

- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember, players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.
- Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don't yell at players.
- 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.
- 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.
- Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association.
- Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- To play the game is great. To love the game is greater.
- USA Hockey requires coaches wear helmets at all practices.