



# Lord Selkirk Minor Hockey Association (LSMHA)

## Coach's Code of Conduct

It is the intention of this Code of Conduct to promote fair play and respect for all participants within LSMHA. As a condition of coaching in LSMHA, all coaches agree to:

- Review and follow the guidelines provided in this document.
- Abide by LSMHA's and Hockey Winnipeg's rules, regulations, and/or policies.
- Accept any disciplinary measures imposed by LSMHA and/or Hockey Winnipeg as the result of violating their codes of conduct, rules, regulations, and/or policies.

### **Coach's Code of Conduct:**

- I will serve as a positive role model for the players on and off the ice.
- I will remember that players need a coach that they can respect.
- I will be reasonable when scheduling game and practice times, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
- I will take the appropriate time to prepare practices that are meaningful, organized, and challenging for player development.
- I will ensure that my players receive equal instruction and support, and balanced amounts of ice time and opportunity on a game-to-game basis, in accordance with the LSMHA Fair Play Policy.
- I will always show a winning attitude and respect for players, parents, officials, and opponents.
- I will teach respect for the rules, officials, opponents, and teammates.
- I will teach that winning is just one consideration, and not the most important aspect of the game. Sportsmanship, skill development, team play, player confidence, and self-esteem are essential to a positive environment.
- I will maintain an open line of communication with my players, parents, and LSMHA.
- I will respectfully ask questions of an official.
- I will not use rude gestures or profanity.
- I will not ridicule, yell, or publicly embarrass my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
- I will remember that children play to have fun, and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will explain team goals to the parents and players.
- I will obtain proper training to become a hockey coach for LSMHA.