

CUPAR MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the intention of this contract to outline the expectations and promote responsible conduct within the Cupar Minor Hockey Association (CMHA). The athlete/coach relationship is a privileged one in which coaches play a critical role in the personal and athletic development of their athletes. They must understand and respect this relationship and must be extremely careful not to abuse it. Coaches must also recognize that they are conduits through which the values and goals of CMHA are relayed. All coaches must review the responsibilities and sign the conduct as stated.

1. Set an example and be a role model for the young people you coach.
Consistently display high personal standards. Display control, respect and professionalism while coaching.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake. Direct comments or criticism at the standards. Display control respect and professionalism while coaching performance rather than the athlete.
3. Provide an appropriate selection and variety of drills to develop self-confidence in players. Ensure that the activity undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the athletes.
4. Be reasonable in your demands on player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
5. Endeavour to provide all players equal opportunities to participate over the span of the season. Coaching requires making decisions for the betterment of the team. Be reasonable with ice time and demands on players.
6. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep current on principles of development.
Attend Coach's meetings and development opportunities as required by CMHA.
7. Avoid ALL physical contact with players.
8. Treat all players equally and with respect.
9. Treat all league officials with respect.
10. Maintain an approachable atmosphere for parents and players.
11. Ensure players and on ice staff wear and utilize the appropriate safety equipment and practices and games are conducted in a safe manner.
12. Encourage open communication between yourself and your athletes and parents.
Communicate the team expectations at the beginning of the season in a clear and concise manner.

I agree to abide by the CMHA Coaches Responsibilities and Code of Conduct outlined above. I realize that any breach in the above mentioned agreement and Association bylaws and policy may result in disciplinary action.

Coach's Name (Print)

Signature

Date