

Schedule A of the MDMHA Constitution

Coaches Code of Conduct

Coach's Responsibilities:

MDMHA Coaches will:

- Strive to accomplish the goals and objectives of the MDMHA.
- Act as an appropriate role model to his/her players at all times.
- Utilize allocated ice time as effectively as possible.
- Instruct players in the game of hockey as prescribed by a program determined by MDMHA.
- Provide an appropriate selection and variety of drills to develop self-confidence in players.
- Ensure that he (she) shows courtesy and respect with all team interactions and activities.
- Ensure all players are properly supervised until the last player leaves the dressing room.
- Make every effort to attend Coaching Clinics as provided by MDMHA.
- Advise players and parents of the required protective equipment and ensure it is being worn and used at all times.
- The Coach is responsible for distribution and collection of the Team Jerseys.
- Ensure periodic equipment checks.
- Ensure that all players attending ice times under his control are registered with MDMHA.
- Maintain control over players at all times and not allow unsafe activities or improper behaviour. (Both on and off the ice)
- Ensure all doors leading to the ice surface are closed at all times during a game or practice.
- Report any areas of concern to the arena attendant.
- Ensure that no player goes on to the ice until ice cleaning is complete (Zamboni off, doors closed) and there is a coach present.
- Ensure all players go directly to the bench in the result of an on ice injury.
- Familiarize themselves with OMHA or House League rules with particular attention to penalties and suspensions.
- Always treat on-ice officials and their decisions with respect.
- Make appropriate allowances for female players with regards to dressing rooms.
- Ensure fair and consistent discipline as per MDMHA discipline Guidelines.
- All coaches must complete a Criminal Records Check form and return to the TDC or Delegate.

Coach's Code of Conduct:

MDMHA Coaches will:

Treat everyone fairly within the context of his or her activity, regardless of gender, ethnic background, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.

Direct comments at the performance rather than the person.

Consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of hockey.

Refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches.

Abstain from and discourage the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products.

Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, or otherwise offensive language while coaching.

Ensure that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the players and educate players as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.

When dealing with injuries, consider the player's future health and well being foremost.

Recognize and accept when to refer players to other coaches or sport specialists. Allow players goals to take precedence over your own.

Regularly seek ways of increasing professional development and self-awareness.

Co-operate with the player's parents and legal guardians, involving them in the player's development.

Ensure the safety of the players with whom you are working with.

Respect players dignity; verbal or physical behaviours that constitute harassment or abuse are always unacceptable.

Treat opponents and officials with respect in victory and defeat.

Create an atmosphere of **SPORTSMANSHIP and RESPECT** at all team functions.

Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.

Coaches must sign the Coach's Responsibilities and Coach's Code of Conduct, acknowledging they have read and understand it's content, and return the signed copy to the MDMHA Executive Board.

Coach's name:

Coach's signature:

Date signed: _____ **Received by:** _____

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