

Rivals Championship: Coach Code of Conduct

Mission Statement: As a coach, my goal is to foster a love for ball hockey, develop athletic skills, and build character. I recognize that my behavior is the blueprint for how my players and their parents will conduct themselves.

1. Modeling Respect for Officials

I recognize that referees are human and essential to the sport.

- **I will** set the example by addressing officials calmly and professionally.
- **I will not** shout at, intimidate, or follow officials after a game to complain about calls.
- **I will** teach my players how to communicate with officials respectfully.

2. Player Development & Well-being

The safety and psychological growth of the players are my top priorities.

- **I will** provide a safe environment, ensuring all players have the proper equipment and are playing in a way that prevents injury.
- **I will not** use physical, verbal, or emotional abuse (including sarcasm or shaming) to motivate players.
- **I will** strive to provide fair playing time and ensure that every child feels like a valued member of the team, regardless of their skill level.

3. Professionalism with Parents

I am a partner with the parents in their child's development.

- **I will** maintain open, honest, and clear communication regarding schedules, expectations, and team rules.
- **I will** uphold the **24-Hour Rule**, refusing to discuss game-related grievances until a cooling-off period has passed.
- **I will** remain professional and refrain from discussing one player's performance or behavior with the parent of another player.

4. Integrity of the Game

I am a representative of the league and the sport of ball hockey.

- **I will** learn and teach the rules of the game and compete within the spirit of those rules.
 - **I will not** use "trash talk" or aggressive tactics against opposing coaches or players.
 - **I will** place the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of a "win at all costs" mentality.
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Coach's Commitment

I understand that I am a role model. I agree to lead with patience, integrity, and encouragement.
I understand that failure to comply with this code may result in my removal from the coaching position by the league board.