



5.3 FMMHA Coaches Code of Conduct

The primary responsibility of all FMMHA coaches is to provide a leadership role for promoting sportsmanship and skill development for players and parents. Here are 10 principles that coaches can use to promote sportsmanship and athletic skill development in all activities and avoid a “Win at all cost” behavior. **It is expected that all FMMHA coaches observe the following principles:**

1. I will remember that players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment. Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. I will care more about the development of the player, than winning the game.
2. I will model and teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, opponents and teammates and always model emotional maturity.
3. I will ensure that all athletes receive equal instruction, discipline, support and appropriate, fair playing time.
4. I will use age appropriate language and verbal tone when dealing with players and I will be generous with praise when it is deserved. I will be consistent, honest and fair in communicating with my players and I will never criticize players publicly.
5. I will look at mistakes my players make as teaching opportunities. I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly or uncharacteristically. I will be patient and remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
6. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and always consider the players’ age and ability. I will always place the safety and well being of every player ahead of all other concerns and goals
7. I will support the officials and opposing coaches and I will take responsibility to address my players on any unacceptable conduct, even if it is not seen or called by an

official.

8. I will remember that children need a coach whom they can respect. I will 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.

9. I will obtain proper training and continue to improve my coaching skills. I will support all FMMHA's development initiatives, including attending development sessions from time to time and coordinating and executing development plans.

10. I will be open to all learning opportunities for my team – I will expose my players & affiliated players to all development opportunities offered to us. I am concerned with the overall development of each of my players, regardless of their abilities

11. I will maintain open communications with players and parents regarding skill development, discipline problems, and practice/game schedules and enlist assistance from my manager or director if communication is strained.

12. I will ensure that my players understand the social media policy in place by FMMHA.

13. I will be accountable for developing dressing room etiquette and set rules to protect my coaches and players.

14. I will take responsibility for players in the arena, arriving (to the maximum extent possible) at least 30 minutes before each session and establishing a presence among players in the locker room. I will always make every effort to ensure appropriate language and behavior. I understand that coaches are responsible for the condition in which their team leaves the dressing room.

15. I will allow only rostered players and certified coaches on the ice and/or bench.

16. I agree to read and abide by the FMMHA policies in effect.

I have read and understood the principles stated above that were put forth by FMMHA. I agree to abide by those principles with the understanding that if I do not follow them, I may be asked to leave any practice, game, or event.

Coach Signature

_____ Date _____