

SMHA Coaches Code of Conduct

All Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association Coaches shall obtain the appropriate training and certification for the level they are coaching, as set out by SMHA/SHA/Hockey Canada. Such training/certification must be obtained prior to the date set by SHA.

All SMHA coaches must demonstrate respect for the principles of Fair Play/Equal Development.

Coaches will demonstrate a commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles. They will accept the extended responsibility of recognition and education of the harmful effects of unhealthy choices such as alcohol/drug/physical or mental abuse.

No coach or member of a team's coaching staff shall verbally abuse any player. For the purpose of this policy, any player refers to any member of the team they are coaching and any player of an opposing team.

No coach or member of a team's coaching staff shall verbally abuse any game official.

No coach or member of a team's coaching staff shall verbally abuse or threaten physical violence against any parent, fan, volunteer or member of an opposing team's coaching staff. For the purpose of our Codes of Conduct, examples of verbal abuse include, but is not limited to, screaming obscenities at a player, belittling, demeaning or degrading a player in front of an audience or his/her peers, or saying or making any ethnic/racial slurs towards any player in the community or online. Physical abuse includes; but is not limited to, bumping into someone intentionally, pushing, punching, slapping, kicking or spitting.

Failure to follow these Codes of Conduct may result in immediate disciplinary action from SMHA Discipline Committee.

As a coach within SMHA, I agree to abide by this Coaches Code of Conduct.

Zone: _____

Coach's Name (print): _____

Team Name: _____

Age Group and Level; _____

Date: _____

Coach's Signature: _____

**Due to your zone by November 20th