

Coach Responsibilities:

The Coaches Code of Conduct shall be consistent with WAYHA's mission statement. *"... organize and provide hockey opportunities for the boys and girls of Winona and surrounding communities in a safe, respectful learning environment that encourages the development of sportsmanship, teamwork, life skills and individual achievement while building on the fundamental skills of hockey."*

- You are a teacher of hockey skills and responsible for the social, psychological, and physical development of all players on your team and accountable to the Level Director and WAYHA Board.
- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than the winning of the game. Remember players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.
- Be a positive role model to your players, other coaches and the officials, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of the players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, be consistent and honest, be fair and just, do not criticize players publicly, learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don't yell at the players.
- Adjust to the personal needs and problems of the 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 basic; provide constructive feedback.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey; encourage all of your players to be TEAM players.
- Be present at all practices and games. Make arrangements for assistant coaches to run practices when impossible to attend.
- Maintain open lines of communications with your players and player's parents. Explain the goals and objectives for the season.
- Be concerned with the overall development of each player. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- Use the resource material available through the WAYHA, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
- To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.

The coaches are accountable to the Program Committee and the WAYHA Board. All WAYHA coaches are required to sign the Coaches Code of Conduct at the beginning of each new season and return the signed form to WAYHA Registrar.

Coach Code of Conduct

“The Winona Hockey Association takes pride in our coaches. As the highest representative of the WAYHA at any game and/or team function, it is important that our coaches set the example for the team and the community.

Therefore:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers and referees any youth hockey event.
- I will treat players, fellow coaches, opponents, facilities, fans and referees with respect.
- I will refrain from the use of any inappropriate language within the presence of players, parents, officials and fans.
- I will respect and adhere to all rules of the WAHYA, District 9, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
 - A provision was added to the Minnesota Hockey Conduct Rule, which is located on page 35 of the 2015-2016 Minnesota Hockey Handbook. Any spectator removed under this paragraph will incur a mandatory minimum 3-game suspension from that team’s games and may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body for any spectator who is asked to leave the arena due to violating any of the following:
 1. Making racial or ethnic slurs and/or harassing conduct of any kind
 2. Abusive conduct that, in the referee(s) opinion, it is distracting from the game or inciting the players.
- I understand that if I cannot abide by these rules or violate them, I will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the WAYHA handbook.

Coaches Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coaches Name (Printed): _____

Team: _____

All coaches are required to sign the Coaches Code of Conduct at the beginning of each new season and return the signed form to WAYHA Registrar.