

IYHL Board Members' Code of Conduct

- Follow the policies, rules and regulations of USA Hockey and the IYHL to ensure that the association's philosophy and objectives are enhanced.
- Support programs that train and educate players, coaches, parents, officials and volunteers.
- Promote and publicize your programs; seek out financial support when possible.
- Communicate with parents by holding parent/player orientation meetings as well as by being available to answer questions and address problems throughout the season.
- Work to provide programs that encompass fairness to the participants and promote fair play and sportsmanship.
- Recruit volunteers, including coaches, who demonstrate qualities conducive to being role models to the youth in our sport.
- Encourage coaches and officials to attend USA Hockey clinics and advise your board members of the necessity for their training sessions.
- Make every possible attempt to provide everyone, at all skill levels, with a place to play.
- Read and be familiar with the contents of the USA Hockey Annual Guide and USA Hockey's official playing rules.
- Develop other administrators to advance to positions in your association, perhaps even your own.

IYHL Coach's Code of Conduct

- Follow the policies, rules and regulations of USA Hockey and the IYHL to ensure that the association's philosophy and objectives are enhanced.
- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember, players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.
- Be a positive role model to your players. Display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of 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 players.
- 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 players the basics.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey; encourage all your players to be team players.
- Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association.
- Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- To play the game is great, to love the game is greater.
- Coaches will follow season parameters as set forth by the IYHL.

IYHL Parent's Code of Conduct

- Follow the policies, rules and regulations of USA Hockey and the IYHL to ensure that the association's philosophy and objectives are enhanced.
- Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice – it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- I will recognize the importance of the volunteer coaches and will communicate with them in an appropriate manner. The same holds true for officials and my personal behavior in the rink, during games and practices, and outside the rink.
- I will display excellent sportsmanship/behavior during practices and games, by not taunting, or pounding on the glass, I will use appropriate language, I will not use obscene gestures. I will not yell at the players, fans, coaches, officials, or rink employees.
- I understand that my expulsion from any practice or game as a result of the Zero Tolerance Policy will result in my immediate suspension from future team practices, games and League sponsored activities until meeting with the League disciplinary committee. I am responsible for the complete payment plan whether I am allowed to participate or not.
- I fully understand that if I as a parent/guardian were to violate any Zero Tolerance policy, I may also jeopardize my player's eligibility to continue to participate in the IYHL.
- I understand that Rover, Select and Shamrock Rosters and Jerseys are a representation of the Irish Youth Hockey League. Wearing Jerseys for Games and/or jerseys for non-sanctioned events is not allowed.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey – and volunteer.

IYHL Player's Code of Conduct

- Follow the policies, rules and regulations of USA Hockey and the IYHL to ensure that the association's philosophy and objectives are enhanced.
- I realize that my goal of being a hockey player/participant in the IYHL is to enjoy the game, play for fun, improve my hockey skills, abide by the rules including Zero Tolerance, and play clean solid hockey. I agree to such as, but not limited to the following:
 - I realize that the Zero Tolerance policy begins as I enter the parking lot and into the rink, and continues as I leave the locker room, in the lobby of the rink, and exit the parking lot after games or practices.
 - I will always act with proper respect and listen to my coaches, teammates, officials, parents, opponents, and rink personnel. I also expect my parents/guardians and other family members and friends to abide by this same code.
 - I will not argue with the officials on or off the ice, I will use appropriate language at all times. I will not throw equipment or otherwise act in a manner that would embarrass myself, my teammates, my coaches or the parental group, as well as the IYHL as pursuant with the Zero Tolerance policy.
 - I will not use profanity, make abusive or obscene gestures, I will not fail to shake hands with the opposing team or engage in fighting or other activity that could injure another player, coach, parent, as pursuant with the Zero Tolerance policy.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
- Be respectful of others' time. Players are expected to be ready for the start of events and out of the locker room promptly after events end.
- Learn the rules and play by them.
- I will abide to my team rules and will always be respectful of property, locker rooms, ice rink facilities, and hotels where my team is staying.
- I understand that Rover, Select and Shamrock Rosters and Jerseys are a representation of the Irish Youth Hockey League. Wearing Jerseys for Games and/or jerseys for non-sanctioned events is not allowed.
- I recognize that it is a privilege, and not a right, to be able to play hockey for the IYHL. I will always act in a positive way that will make my teammates, coaches, and family proud of me.