USA Hockey Coach's Code of Conduct

     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