



**MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY
FAIR PLAY - RESPECT
INITIATIVE**



COACHES COMPACT

It is the intention of this compact to promote Fair Play and Respect for all participants within Massachusetts Hockey. Please read the Fair Play and Respect Code and continue throughout the year to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Code.

FAIR PLAY - RESPECT CODE

1. I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
2. I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, opponents and teammates.
3. I will ensure all athletes receive equal instruction, discipline, support and appropriate, fair playing time.
4. I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
5. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athlete's ages and ability.
6. I will remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
7. I will obtain proper training (certification) and continue to upgrade my coaching skills. I will make a personal commitment to keep informed on sound coaching principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
8. I will be organized and prepared for all practice sessions and games to maximize and optimize all scheduled ice time.
9. I will not be openly critical of any official, opposing player or other coach.
10. I will emphasize respect, teamwork, FUN, and attempt to nurture a passion for the game of hockey and sports with all my players.
11. I will establish a philosophy that is In agreement with USA Hockey, Massachusetts Hockey and my local association.



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12. I will work to serve the needs and welfare of my athletes. I realize that the athlete's come first and winning is secondary.
13. I will respect other coaches in our association and work with them to ensure the maximum benefits for our players.
14. I will respect the Player's Bill of Rights.
15. I will accept final responsibility for the performance and behavior of the players that I coach.
16. I will never solicit covertly or overtly, athletes who are playing on other teams to join our team.
17. I will remember to respect the image of the coach and continuously maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, reflected in both the manner of my appearance and my behavior. I hope to be a Good Role Model.
18. I will never smoke nor consume alcoholic beverages while coaching or in the presence of the players.
19. I will refrain from the use of obscene and vulgar language or gestures in my coaching duties.
20. I will not throw any objects on the ice, at any players or in the stands.
21. I will not try to distort or claim ignorance concerning any rules or regulations established by USA Hockey, Massachusetts Hockey or my association / league.
22. I agree to abide by the principles of the FAIR PLAY AND RESPECT CODE as established by Massachusetts Hockey and supported by my local Association.

PRINT NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE:

COACH

TEAM
