



Southern Maryland Sabres Hockey Club, Inc.  
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## **Coaches Ethics Code**

All USA Hockey ice hockey coaches (head, assistant and instructors) must abide by USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code, and understand that the violations may result in full or partial forfeiture of coaching privileges in programs, at sites or events under USA Hockey governance. The Ethics Code Agreement states that the coach and/or instructor has read and will abide by USA Hockey's Coaching Ethics Code.

Ice hockey coaches and instructors need only have to sign this commitment each hockey season. All coaches have an obligation to be familiar with USA Hockey's Coaching Ethics Code, or as it maybe amended from time to time.

All registered USA Hockey ice hockey coaches and instructors of USA Hockey programs must sign the Coaching Ethics Code Agreement in order to be eligible to coach or instruct in any regular season activities (practices, clinics, games, tournaments, tryouts, etc.), State, District, Regional, National Championship or in the USA Hockey Player Development Program.

It is the policy of USA Hockey that any volunteer who has routine access to children in USA Hockey's programs to consent to be screened by USA Hockey. Any volunteer refuses consent or in violation of USA Hockey USA Hockey's screening process, may be disqualified or prohibited from serving.

## **Coaches 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; do not yell at players.
- Adjust to personal need 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 them the basics.



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- 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 the 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.

### **Coaching Education Requirements**

<u>Level of Play</u>	<u>Coaching Education Program</u>
Squirt	Level Two
Pee Wee	Level Three
Bantam	Level Three
Midget	Level Three

### **Coaches Attire**

#### **Practice Dress Code**

Coaches should dress appropriately in warm-up pants and official team warm-up jacket purchased through the club.

#### **Games Dress Code**

Dress or casual Khaki slacks and official team warm-up jacket purchased through the club.

By signing below, the Coach concurs with the Southern Maryland Sabres Hockey Club Coaches Code of Conduct and meets the background and educational requirements identified by USA Hockey.

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Printed Name of Coach

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Signature of Coach

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Date