



ST. FRANCIS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION COACH, PLAYER, and PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches

The following is a copy of the agreement that each SFYHA coach has with this association.

1. Coaches must be at all games and practices or arrange for a proper substitute.
2. Coaches cannot use any tobacco product in the locker room, on the bench, or during practices or games at any arena or at the SFYHA shack/outdoor rink.
3. Coaches cannot consume any beverages containing alcohol in the locker room, on the bench, during practices or games or four hours prior to an SFYHA event. A verbal and written warning will be issued for this type of violation upon the first offense.
4. Coaches cannot use marijuana or any illegal substance defined by law as a drug while on a team roster for SFYHA. (Except as prescribed by a physician). A violation will constitute removal from the association.
5. Coaches are not allowed to physically, emotionally, or psychologically abuse any player, parent, spectator, game official or director. A verbal and written warning will be issued for this type of violation upon the first offense. Depending on the magnitude of the violation, the board can increase the consequences for a violation to include game suspension or removal from the association.
6. Only registered coaches of participating teams are allowed on the participant bench during the game. Coaches must enforce this rule. The maximum number of managers/coaches allowed on the bench is 4. You must hold a coaching card to be on the bench.
7. Only rostered skaters are on practice ice unless a skater is a minimum of one level higher than team practicing and the skater is assisting the coach.
8. Coach and/or an assistant coach are required to be in the locker room with his/her team until the last participant has left the locker room.

Guidelines for coaches

1. A Coach's main objective should be to teach hockey.
2. Coaches should understand that learning and developing hockey skills is more important than winning.
3. Coaches are not allowed to verbally, physically or psychologically abuse any player, coach, parent, game official, spectators or director. All coaches will treat each other, players, spectators and officials with respect and dignity, in language, attitude, behavior and mannerisms. A verbal and written warning will be issued for this type of violation upon the first offense. Depending on the magnitude of the violation, the board can increase the consequences for a violation to include game suspension or removal from the association.

4. All coaches will encourage good sportsmanship through their actions by demonstrating positive support for all players, parents, coaches, spectators and officials at every team event.
5. All coaches will agree to abide by USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Rules.
6. Coaches will be available to discuss any problems with the participants and/or parents.
7. Coaches should be well prepared for practices by having plans in writing for other coaches to follow along.
8. Coaches are to complete a mid-term and end-of-the-year evaluation of each player.
9. Completion dates for mid-term evaluation must be completed no later than January 1st and the end of the year evaluation must be completed by April 1st and turned in to the Coaching Director.
10. Coaches are responsible for all communication to players/parents and it should be done in a timely manner.
11. SFYHA coaches are subject to background checks.
12. All coaches will agree to abide by the grievance policy set forth by the SFYHA for items of concern.
13. Coaches will develop and present their team rules to the coaching committee and once approved present them to their team prior to the beginning of the season.

Consequences for coaches will be administered depending on the severity of the violation and do not have to be administered in any certain order.

- Verbal warning
- Written warning, copy of warning submitted to the board and kept in the coach file that is passed on to any new Coaching Director that is elected
- Game suspensions, board notification, written documentation kept in the coach file that is passed on to any new Coaching Director that is elected
- Removal from coaching and/or the Association, this would need to be a board action, and written documentation kept in the coach file that is passed on to any new Coaching Director that is elected
- The first time a coach is ejected from any game in a season by an on-ice or District 10 official, that coach will be suspended from coaching for a period of fourteen days to start on the day of the ejection. If a coach is ejected from a game for a second time in a season that coach will be suspended from all SFYHA-sponsored events for duration of the season. SFYHA-sponsored events include practices, games, board and membership meetings, and non-district tournaments. The SFYHA board of directors reserves the right to adjust the suspension pending a written appeal by the offending coach.

Reporting

1. Head Coach
2. Coaching Director
3. SFYHA President
4. SFYHA Board

Coach signature _____ date _____

PLAYERS

The following is a copy of the agreement that each SFYHA player has with this association. Players are expected to acknowledge acceptance of this code of conduct by signing a similar form at the beginning of the season.

1. All players are expected to attend all scheduled team events in a punctual manner unless they have notified the head coach.
2. Players are not allowed to verbally, physically or psychologically abuse any player, coach, parent, spectator, game official or director. All players will treat each other, coaches, spectators and officials with respect and dignity, in language, attitude, behavior and mannerisms. A verbal and written warning will be issued for this type of violation upon the first offense. Depending on the magnitude of the violation, the board can increase the consequences for a violation to include game suspension or removal from the association.
3. All players will encourage good sportsmanship through their actions by demonstrating positive support for all players, parents, spectators, coaches and officials at every team event.
4. All players will agree to abide by USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Rules.
5. Only players on the roster are allowed on the bench during scrimmages and games.
6. No player will be on any SFYHA paid ice without helmet, facemask and mouth-guard.
7. All players on the players bench and penalty bench must wear helmet and face mask while in the bench areas.
8. All players will respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility, both home and away.
9. All players will respect the SFYHA property and equipment.
10. All players will agree to abide by the grievance policy set forth by the SFYHA for items of concern.
11. All players agree to follow the team rules.

Consequences for players will be administered depending on the severity of the violation and do not have to be administered in any certain order.

- Verbal warning
- Written warning, copy of warning submitted to the board and kept in a player file that is passed onto any new Coaching Director that is elected.
- Game suspensions, board notification, written documentation kept in a player file that is passed on to any new Coaching Director that is elected.
- Removal from the team, this would need to be a board action, and written documentation kept in a player file that is passed on to any new Coaching Director that is elected.
- Any player receiving a second game misconduct penalty in any given season will be automatically suspended from playing until the incidents can be reviewed by the grievance committee and bring a recommendation to the board for action.

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PARENTS

The following is a copy of the agreement that each SFYHA parent or legal guardian has with this association. Parents are expected to acknowledge this code of conduct by signing a similar form at the beginning of the season.

1. Parents should make sure that all fees and assessments are paid on time as dictated by their players team manager and/or the SFYHA board.
2. Parents must turn in all necessary forms (i.e. birth certificates) promptly.
3. Parents must equip their player properly so they can participate in all practices, scrimmages and games.
4. Parents should keep abreast of all information pertinent to their player team.
5. Parents should notify the head coach in advance when their player cannot make a scrimmage, game or practice, stating the reason.
6. Parents will encourage good sportsmanship through their actions, by demonstrating positive support for all players, parents, spectators, coaches and officials at every game and practice.
7. All parents will agree to abide by USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Rules.
8. Parents are not allowed to verbally, physically or psychologically abuse any player, coach, parent, spectator, game official or director. All parents will treat each other, coaches players, spectators and officials with respect and dignity, in language, attitude, behavior and mannerisms. A verbal and written warning will be issued for this type of violation upon the first offense. Depending on the magnitude of the violation, the board can increase the consequences for a violation to include game suspension or removal from the association.
9. Parents will promote the emotional and physical well being of all the skaters, ahead of any personal desire to win, or any personal reflected glory. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting the coaches, officials and all others to help provide a positive experience.
10. Parents need to remember that the game is for the players and not for the parents and win or lose, will appreciate the efforts of all players, officials and coaching staff.
11. Parents will inform the coach of any physical or medical ailment that may affect the safety of their player or any other player.
12. Parents will agree to abide by the grievance policy set forth by the SFYHA for items of concern.

Guidelines for parents

1. Parents should get their player to practices, games and scrimmages at prescribed times.
2. Parents should be understanding and supportive of the times and number of practices, scrimmages and games.
3. Parents should be encouraging, not critical, of their player, coach and team.
4. Parents should try, as much as possible, to be available to assist in the association and team functions as requested.

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- Game suspensions, board notification, written documentation kept in a player file that is passed on to any new Coaching Director that is elected.
- Removal from the team, this would need to be a board action, and written documentation kept in a player file that is passed on to any new Coaching Director that is elected.
- The first time a fan and/or minor official is ejected from any game in a season by an on ice official or District 10 official that fan/minor official will be suspended from attending any SFYHA sponsored events for a period of fourteen days to start on the day of the ejection. If a fan/minor official is ejected from a game for a second time in a season that fan/minor official will be suspended from all SFYHA-sponsored events for duration of the season. SFAHA-sponsored events include practices, games, board and membership meetings, and non-district tournaments. The SFYHA board of directors reserves the right to adjust the suspension pending a written appeal by the offending fan /minor official.

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Parent _____ Date _____

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Player _____ Date _____

Coach _____ Date _____