

DYHA Code of Conduct

Coaches

1. Coaches must act with the highest possible moral character because they are teachers and role models.
2. Coaches must be positive and constructive and reinforce the self-image of each player.
3. Respect the game of hockey. Know the rules. Respect the officials.
4. Teach the rules of the game of hockey. Abide by those rules in practice and games.
5. Establish objectives for the team and players and inform them of team and individual goals.
6. Teach and practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices.
7. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

Parents

1. Teach and practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices. You are role models!
2. Know the rules of the game of hockey.
3. Respect the game of hockey. Respect the officials. Respect the coaches.
4. Do not coach your child. Let players play and coaches coach, and support both positively.
5. Follow the "24 hour rule"; if you have an issue resulting from a game (or practice) situation, wait until the following day to speak with either the coach or the team manager.
6. If there is a serious problem, notify your team's DYHA board rep, Travel Director and/or President without delay.
7. Emphasize the fun of the game, effort, learning, teamwork, and constructive response to mistakes, not wins-and-losses.
8. Comply with DYHA policies and obligations under agreements with the DYHA.

Players

1. Respect your teammates, coaches, referees and opponents at all times.
2. Support and encourage your teammates. Set a positive example.
3. Give 100% effort at each practice and game.
4. Know the rules of the game of hockey and abide by them.
5. Wear the required equipment at all practices and games, and keep your equipment well maintained.
6. Display good sportsmanship at all times, on the ice and in the rink.
7. Don't be afraid to make mistakes; that's part of learning new techniques.
8. Learn from your coaches, practice hard, play smart and Have Fun!
9. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
10. Comply with DYHA policies and obligations under agreements with the DYHA.

Parents and Players

1. If a player tries out for a travel team and is offered a roster spot, the player will have 48 hours from the time the offer is posted to the DYHA website to accept the position by paying the travel supplement and executing the Travel Commitment Letter, which will be substantially in the form of Attachment 1 to this Code of Conduct.
2. Upon failure to accept a roster spot within 48 hours by both paying the travel supplement and executing the Travel Commitment Letter, DYHA may offer the roster spot to another player.

All

1. Any conduct, including abusive language and/or gestures, insensitive or offensive remarks or actions, damage to property or belongings, or any other conduct that reflects poorly on yourself or DYHA is deemed to be unacceptable and will not be tolerated. This rule applies to all players, parents, siblings and guests at all times when in or around games or practices as a member of DYHA.
2. During a tournament or game when you are away, you represent your town and Darien Youth Hockey Association. Any misconduct such as shoplifting, destruction of property, illegal or excessive consumption of drugs or alcohol, or any other illegal activity will not be tolerated. This rule applies for the entire time one is away for a game or tournament.
3. The Board of Directors of Darien Youth Hockey Association will deal with unacceptable conduct at its sole discretion, imposing warnings, suspension or expulsion as it deems appropriate. ANY SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION BASED ON VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANY REFUND.

Parent Name: _____
(please print)

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Name: _____ (please print)

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

ATTACHMENT 1

Darien Youth Hockey Association 2016-2017 Hockey Season

LETTER OF COMMITMENT

The undersigned player hereby accepts a position with a Darien Youth Hockey Travel Team for the 2016-2017 Connecticut Hockey Conference season.

We, the undersigned player and parents/legal guardians of said player, by executing this Letter of Commitment, agree to the following terms and conditions of this commitment:

1. We agree to remain with, and actively participate in, the program for the duration of the 2016-2017 season.
2. We agree to pay the full season financial obligation, as set by Darien Youth Hockey Association ("DYHA"), a Connecticut Hockey Conference ("CHC") member program.
3. WE AGREE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAM, WHETHER OR NOT A CHC MEMBER PROGRAM, FOR THE 2016-2017 SEASON.
4. We understand and accept that if the undersigned player refuses to participate with the above named program that he/she is ineligible to participate with any other CHC member program and must sit out the remainder of the current hockey season.
5. We understand and accept that a player who sits out due to refusal to participate remains obligated to satisfy any outstanding financial obligations due to the program for the 2016-2017 season.
6. We understand and accept that a player who sits out all or a portion of a season is not entitled to any partial or full refund of program fees or expenses.
7. We understand and accept that a player must obtain a proper Connecticut Hockey Conference release from DYHA prior to participating in a game with any other program in any ensuing season.
8. We understand and accept that this Letter of Commitment may be terminated only by mutual consent between the above named program and player. Upon such mutual consent, and payment of any outstanding financial obligations, the program will issue a proper Connecticut Hockey Conference Release and the player may transfer to another program. Such mutually agreed on transfers must occur prior to later of CHC deadline or November 1, 2016. No refunds of program fees or expenses will be granted in the case of such mutual consent except in the case of termination of this Letter of Commitment on or before May 1, 2016, to allow a player to accept an offer to join a CHC Tier I program.
9. We, the undersigned player and parents/legal guardians, further understand that breach of any of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Letter of Commitment may result in the player's suspension or expulsion from the team as the Board of Directors of DYHA deems appropriate.