



## Reston Raiders Hockey Club

### The Role of the Coach - Policy

This policy covers all Reston Raiders Coaches.

#### Motivation

The team coach is a role model. All coaches have an impact, both good and bad, on every young player they come in contact with. Since sports began, players will always look up to their coaches. They will remember the good ones and poor ones, for a variety of reasons. Like sports superstars, they will often emulate the ones that have the greatest influence on them, again both good and bad. The Raiders strongly believe in this philosophy and feel that our coaches should be cognizant of just how important of a role they play in the development and the lives of our young players.

#### Policy

It is the policy of the Reston Raiders Hockey Club that all Head and Assistant Coaches in both the Travel and House Leagues act in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. All Coaches on the ice are to be dressed appropriately as a COACH with helmet and athletic apparel such as Reston Raiders warm-ups or sweat-suits. NO street clothes such as Jeans, Shorts or Pants will be permitted on the ice.
2. All Coaches are to refrain from drinking, smoking, doing drugs, etc. prior to Team Events (Games, Practices, and other functions).
3. All Coaches will refrain from using profanity and other inappropriate language in front of their players as well as set an example for sportsmanship and conduct both on and off the ice.
4. Therefore, to insure both the safety and positive role/impact of the team coaching staff, it is the responsibility of the team head coach to insure that all USA Hockey, and subsequent RRHC Policies are administered in the appropriate manner.

#### Procedure

The following is the process for addressing the Role of the Coach.

The Team Head Coach is responsible for ensuring the compliance of himself and his assistants.

Any Coach found to be in violation of this policy, will be asked to leave the ice or function for duration of the event. It is ultimately the responsibility of the team head coach to insure this policy is met.

The RRHC Head Coach and RRHC Board of Directors are responsible for ensuring the policy is adhered to.

The team head coach will insure support of the policy. However, if the RRHC Head Coach or member of the RRHC Board of Directors notices a coach in violation of the policy, they are to ask the coach to be removed from the ice.

If a coach is found to be in violation of the policy, both the coach in violation of the policy and Team Head Coach will be suspended for one practice or game (depending on where the violation occurred) and will meet with the RRHC Head Coach to discuss

Should a coach disagree with the decision of the RRHC Head Coach an appeal of the decision and any penalty assessed may be made to the RRHC Discipline Committee.

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