

**Olds Minor Hockey Association
Positive Participation Policy
Appendix C – Coach Code of Conduct**

Membership in OMHA is not a right – it is a privilege. Members must abide by the Bylaws and their behavior is expected to mirror the spirit of this code.

- I will respect and adhere to all ideals, policies and rules determined by the C.H.A., the A.A.H.A., and the Olds Minor Hockey Association.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills as required.
- I will exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork, and positive attitudes at all times.
- I will respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials, and their decisions and teach my players to do the same.
- I will do my best to control the behavior of my players.
- I will refrain from using foul language towards players, other coaches, or officials.
- I will show respect for the feelings and abilities of my players and the players on the other team.
- I will ensure that my player's equipment is complete, safe, and in good condition.
- I will prohibit unacceptable conduct within the dressing rooms, at players bench, or on the ice surface.
- I will organize practices that are fun and challenging for players. I will familiarize myself with the rules, techniques, and strategies of hockey; I will encourage all my players to be team players. I will be prepared. I will not ask anything of players, other coaches, executive or parents that I would not ask and expect of myself.
- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices.
- I will inform parent/guardian and/or submit a Player Discipline Form (see attached) to the Disciplinary Committee if a child is disciplined during a game or practice.
- I will keep line of communication open with parents, players, and the executive.
- I will be a positive role model to my players and display emotional maturity by maintaining self control.
- I will be generous with my praise when it is deserved and encourage players to have confidence in themselves; I will not ridicule or yell at players or criticize them publicly. I will be consistent, honest, fair, and just. I will remember the value of a positive and respectful approach, even in discipline.
- I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support, and fair* playing time.
- I will keep winning in perspective and accept defeat graciously.

Love the game above the prize.

*Fair ice time is determined by the coach, weighing factors such as player commitment, work ethic, dedication and situational play throughout the season. Considering these factors fair may not always imply equal in any given game.