



Whitley Bay Ice Hockey Club

Junior Development

Coaches' Code of Conduct

When I register as a coach for the season with the WBIHCJD I am signing to say that I understand, and will to the best of my ability, adhere to this code of conduct.

- I will never take chances with young people's safety. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and that they match player's ages and abilities.
- I will not encourage or allow the taking of any performance enhancing drugs. I must inform the parents if I believe that a player is taking any form of illegal substances.
- I will not encourage injured players to return too early or play while injured.
- I will follow the advice of a doctor in determining whether an injured player is ready to play again.
- I know that I have a duty to protect my players from all harm or abuse, which includes verbal and physical abuse.
- I will not put players at risk by playing them just on their ability but will take into account both physical and emotional maturity as well as experience.
- I will avoid, where possible, overplaying talented players and make sure, where possible, newer and weaker players have similar playing time to each other in games.
- I will respect my players and will be responsive to their individual needs.
- I will help reduce stress for players by reminding parents that too much pressure on children can detract from the fun and personal growth that sport can bring.
- I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will remember that children need a coach that they can respect.
- I must not conduct myself in an aggressive or derogatory manner towards any other coach, players, parent, officials or spectators at any time.
- I will avoid ridicule or yelling at players for making mistakes or for losing.
- I will remember that children play to have fun and should be made to feel good about themselves.
- I will encourage my team to respect the opposing team and to accept the judgements of officials and opposing coaches without argument.
- I will teach my players to be fair and respect the rules of the game at all times

Ice Hockey is a fast and often physical sport but there is a big difference between playing and training competitively, and the intimidation and abuse of others. WBIHCJD has a policy of ZERO TOLERANCE towards verbal and physical abuse. Any individual found to be involved in the verbal or physical abuse of another club member may, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee, be suspended or excluded from the Club.