Springfield Cougars Ice Hockey Club

 Coaches Code of Conduct

The main purposes of this Code of Conduct are to secure a certain standard of coaching that Springfield Cougars Ice Hockey Club expects from all coaches. Please initial and sign where indicated.

* Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember, players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don’t humiliate a player in front of their peers. \_\_\_\_\_\_
* Adjust to personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; never verbally or physically abuse a player or official; never use vulgar or profanity towards a player, parent, official, spectator, or any member of the opposing team. \_\_\_\_\_\_
* If a player is showing signs of an injury while on the ice, remove them from play immediately, assess injury, and treat as needed. If a player is exhibiting ANY sign of a concussion, the player must be removed from play. Be familiar with USA Hockey’s concussion protocol, and basic first aid. A provided First Aid kit must be taken to all practices and games.
* Give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach players the basics. Practices should be fun and challenging for all players. You should be familiar with the rules, techniques, and strategies of USA Hockey, and the DSHL, along with our club policies and rules. Encourage all your players to be team players. \_\_\_\_\_\_
* As a Springfield Cougars Ice Hockey Coach, you are required to attend one practice a week during the season, and all league games. Each month all our teams will switch practice slots, so the days and times are fairly distributed to everyone. Our practice slots are as follows: Wednesday: 6-7pm, Friday: 5:30-6:30pm, and Saturday: 6:45-7:45pm. In the event of your absence, please secure coverage from another coach, or parent volunteer. If needed please contact Pat or Tracy with any coverage issues. To receive your coaches discount from the club you need to attend at least 85% of all practices and games. \_\_\_\_\_\_

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**I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hereby agree to follow this code of conduct to the best of**

 **(Coaches Name)**

**my ability, as a Springfield Cougars Ice Hockey Coach for the 2020-2021 season.**

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**(Coaches Signature/Date)**