

Coaches Philosophy

Policies and Guidelines

- Be a Positive Role Model for all those you encounter (players need a coach they can respect and look up to)
- Proper Communication – efforts should be made to communicate with players and parents all throughout the season (e.g. intro meeting, monthly updates, etc.) and also be approachable and willing to listen and able to express your own expectations, etc.
- Conduct properly prepared practices (refer to Hockey Alberta Manual)
- Teach players the rules of the game – attempt to minimize penalties. Reprimand players if they are acquiring excessive penalties.
- Ensure that all players are given the opportunity to develop in a non-threatening environment. Bullying, bad language, and/or offensive behavior must not be tolerated.
- Ensure that all players are properly and fully equipped when practicing and/or playing
- Ensure that all players abide by the Player's Code.
- Show respect to all players, parents, competitors and officials and encourage all those associated with the team to do the same
- Keep Winning in Perspective – coaches should focus on participation and skill development rather than winning at all costs approach. Participants' join not only to learn the game and improve their skills, but also for recreation, and winning is only part of it. All players should receive equitable amounts of ice time
- Be reasonable in your expectations of the team and/or individual players as we have various levels of talent on each team and must find a way to include all and work together as a team to achieve success and enjoyment for all participants.
- Never ridicule, yell, or use profanity at a player for making a mistake or losing a competition. Players will grow and improve skill-wise more quickly and effectively through praise, encouragement and constructive criticism rather than negativity.
- Never degrade a player/participant in any way, for any reason.
- Zero tolerance for use of drugs and/or alcohol by coaches and players in arena, dressing room, or on bench

Any member of the Drumheller Minor Hockey Committee has the authority to enforce any of these rules at any time. Drumheller Minor Hockey reserves the right to suspend any coaches or team officials for violation of rules.

