



# Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association

## FAIR PLAY PLEDGE

It is the intention of this pledge to promote fair play and respect for all participants within the Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association. **All coaches and go vernors must sign this pledge before being allowed to participate in hockey in the Yellowknife minor hockey system** and must continue to observe the principles of fair play.

I agree to abide by the principles of the FAIR PLAY CODE as set forth by the Canadian Hockey Association and supported by the Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association. This commitment to fair play will pave the way for better hockey and positive attitudes. Whether we win or lose, we treat each other with respect.

### FAIR PLAY CODE

.....for COACHES

1. I will be reasonable in scheduling games and practices, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
2. I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
3. I will ensure that all athletes get equal instruction, support and playing time. The just "average players" need and deserve equality.
4. I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will be generous with praise when it is deserved. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
5. I will remember that children need a coach they can respect.
6. I will develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
7. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athlete's ages and abilities.
8. I recognize that as coach, I am a powerful role model for my players and I must set a good example.
9. I will make a personal commitment to keep myself informed on sound coaching principles of growth and development of children.
10. I will not use offending or abusive language when dealing with players, parents, coaches, governors or officials.

.....for GOVERNORS

1. I will do my best to see that all children are given the same chance to participate regardless of gender, ability or ethnic background.
2. I will promote the sport program for the benefits it provides to the players and will absolutely discourage any sport program from becoming primarily an entertainment for the spectators.
3. I will make sure that all equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.
4. I will make sure that the age and maturity level of the children are considered in program development, rule enforcement and scheduling.
5. I will remember that play is done for its own sake and make sure that winning is kept in proper perspective.
6. I will distribute the fair play code to players, coaches, officials and spectators (parents).
7. I will make sure that coaches and officials are capable of promoting fair play as well as the development of good technical skills, and I will encourage them to become certified.
8. I will promote and enforce the code of ethics at every opportunity.
9. I will not use offending or abusive language when dealing with players, parents, coaches, governors or officials.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_