

# MARATHON COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## SUPPLEMENTAL COACHING GUIDELINES

The Marathon County Youth Hockey Association is dedicated to the development of hockey skills and attitudes of area youth for the purpose of fielding competitive teams and to benefit our Wausau high school programs. We expect our players to strive to the highest standards of playing skills and conduct both on and off the field.

Consistent with this purpose and in addition to the USA Coaching Ethics Code:

Coaches must remember that **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.

- I. **PLAYING TIME:** All skaters deserve equal shifts no matter the type of game, Badger State Game, league game, State Tournament or home and away tournament.
- II. **DISALLOWING PLAY TIME:** Will be used in a progressive manner and for specific reasons (i.e., missing practice time, disruptive behavior, conduct against team, or parents wishes).
- III. **AREAS OF SELECTIVE PLAY TIME:** Short handed (killing penalties), last minutes, power play, 6<sup>th</sup> skater options. (Suggest all be given some opportunity.)
- IV. **MIXED GENDER TEAMS: MINIMUM DRESS IN LOCKER ROOM FOR ALL SKATERS IS T-SHIRTS/SHORTS.** All players shall be allowed reasonable time to dress away from team and there shall be a reasonable time frame to assemble prior to game time (Chalk talks and pre-game talks).
- V. **MEETING:** The Coach will attend Association Coaches Meetings and share ideas and information with other MCYHA Coaches.
- VI. **HELMETS:** Coaches must wear helmets during all on-ice activities in accordance with the USA Hockey directive.

I have read and understand all the above guidelines and agree to abide by them as long as I am a coach with MCYHA.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TO PLAY THE GAME IS GREAT, TO LOVE THE GAME IS GREATER**