

NHL Street League

Coach Quick Guide & Handbook

This guide provides coaches and volunteers with a simple, practical overview to run safe, fun, and organized NHL Street sessions.

1. YOUR ROLE AS A COACH

You are responsible for:

- Creating a positive and inclusive environment
- Ensuring player safety at all times
- Encouraging effort, teamwork, and respect
- Supporting development over competition

Be a role model – your behaviour sets the tone.

2. KEY PRIORITIES

Safety First

- No rough play or contact
- Stop play immediately if something looks unsafe
- Follow concussion and injury protocols

Equal Participation

- Ensure all players get fair playing time
- Rotate positions when possible

Positive Environment

- Encourage players
- Keep instructions simple and constructive
- Address behaviour calmly

3. GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES

Before the Game

- Arrive early
- Review teams and format
- Check equipment and safety setup

During the Game

- Keep games organized and on time
- Focus on flow and fun
- Teach rules as needed (not overly strict)

After the Game

- Encourage sportsmanship (handshakes/high-fives)
- Provide quick positive feedback

4. SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Always supervise players
- No one-on-one isolated interactions
- Keep interactions open and visible
- Report any concerns immediately

5. INJURY RESPONSE

If an injury occurs:

- Stop play immediately
- Assess safely
- Notify parent/guardian
- Call 911 if required
- Complete an Incident Report Form

“When in doubt, sit them out.”

6. COMMUNICATION

- Be approachable for players and parents
- Share updates clearly
- Keep communication respectful and professional

7. CODE OF CONDUCT REMINDERS

- No yelling, intimidation, or inappropriate language
- No favoritism or exclusion
- Respect officials, players, and families

8. KEEP IT SIMPLE

Remember:

- Kids are here to have fun
- Development matters more than winning
- Your energy shapes their experience

Great coaches create great experiences. Keep it safe, positive, and fun.

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