

## Coach's Code of Conduct

Your role as a Coach, first and foremost, is to create a fun, safe place to teach all players on your team the fundamentals of field hockey. This includes teaching each player how to properly hold a field hockey stick, basic ball movement, passing/stick skills, field positions, scoring, and the rules of play. As a Coach, you agree to attend any sessions or complete any training materials that may be required by the DenRock Diamonds Board of Directors, the Denville PAL, and/or Township of Denville Recreation Department.

As a Coach you agree to continuously support and reinforce the principles of the DenRock Diamonds: great sportsmanship, respect for oneself and others, respect for the game, individual growth, team unity, honesty, and trustworthiness. While we understand the excitement of winning, it is far more important to achievement successful athletic growth, than it is to sacrifice improving skills for a win. Players should be encouraged to measure growth based on their own individual performance the day before – show up each day striving for a little more than yesterday.

Coaches agree to:

- Instruct athletes to the best of their ability while continually working to improve their own knowledge and teaching capabilities of field hockey.
- Be positive role models and create a positive experience for players and parents.
- Teach and reinforce the meaning of good sportsmanship during all practices, scrimmages, and games.
- Organize weekly team practices focused on the development of both team and individual skills while incorporating fun and challenging drills
- Refrain from ridiculing or demeaning players, other coaches, umpires or league officials.
- Be responsible for the conduct of their players and the parents during all scrimmages and games – we represent the DenRock Diamonds.
- Treat all players, parents, spectators, and league officials with respect.
- Not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child.
- Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedures.
- Refrain from drug, alcohol, and tobacco use while at all practices, scrimmages, games, or other DenRock Diamonds events.
- Use appropriate language and refrain from using profanity or abusive language on the field, at practice, around or directed towards players, parents, coaches, spectators and/or officials.

### Coaches and Volunteers

All Coaches and Volunteers are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner. As a Coach and/or Volunteer your MAIN PRIORITY is the children's safety. Therefore, all Coaches and Volunteers must:

- Hold players and their parents accountable for good conduct and appropriate behavior – immediately report any inappropriate behavior to the Board and proper authorities.
- Never put yourself in a position or allow yourself to be placed in a position where you are alone with a child. Another adult should be present at all times.
- Do not give rides to or allow players in your vehicle.
- Supervise all children and players at all times. Do not leave players/children unsupervised at any time for any reason.
- Players cannot be left alone at a practice or game site. Coaches must wait (with another adult when available) until every child is picked up from practice and games. If a player is not picked up and a parent/guardian cannot be contacted, the Coach must contact a member of the Board.

### Coaches Code of Ethics

**As a Coach, I hereby pledge to conduct myself in a professional and positive manner in order to provide positive encouragement and a safe environment for all players by following this Code of Ethics. I promise to:**

- Provide each player the opportunity to participate in scrimmages, games, and tournaments regardless of attendance at practice.
- Make the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of all personal desire to win.
- Treat each player as an individual, as every child develops emotionally and physically at their own pace regardless of being the same age.
- Strive to provide a safe playing environment for players.
- Complete any necessary training or courses required to coach field hockey.
- Complete any necessary training or courses required to provide basic first aid to players.
- Organize practices that are safe, fun, and challenging for all players.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- Utilize appropriate drills and coaching techniques that are age appropriate for the players.

**Coaches who fail to comply with any of the above requirements will be removed from coaching at the discretion of the DenRock Diamonds Board or the Denville PAL Board.**

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Coach Name

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Coach Signature

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Date