

# OTTAWA VALLEY TITAN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION COACHES – FAIR PLAY PLEDGE

It is the intention of this pledge to promote fair play and respect for all participants within the Ottawa Valley Titan Minor Hockey Association. All coaches **must** sign this pledge before being allowed to participate in hockey and must continue to observe the principles of Fair Play.

## **FAIR PLAY CODE**

## **FOR COACHES**

1. I will carry the objectives and policies of the OTTAWA VALLEY TITANS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION which are consistent with the objectives and policies of each home association.
2. I will always adhere to the objectives of Speak Out, including the principle of having a third adult party present at all times when dealing with individual players.
3. I will be reasonable in my demands on the player's time, energy and enthusiasm. I will remember that they have interests and responsibilities other than hockey.
4. I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, opponents and teammates.
5. I will ensure *all* athletes receive equal instruction, discipline, support and appropriate fair playing time.
6. I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
7. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athlete's ages and ability.
8. I will follow the advice of a physician to determine when an injured player is ready to resume play.
9. I will remember that players need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
10. I will make a personal commitment to be informed on sound coaching principles.
11. I will develop my team's season on a balanced basis between games and practices.
12. I will discuss the proposed team tournament schedule with parents prior to final team selection, so that a dissenting parent will be provided the opportunity to alter the proposed approach or withdraw from the team consideration.
13. I will not be under the influence of alcohol at any time while I am responsible for any player or while a player is under my care.

I agree to abide by the principles of the FAIR PLAY CODE as set by the Canadian Hockey Association and supported by the Ottawa Valley Titans Minor Hockey Association.

I also agree to abide by the rules, regulations and decisions as set by the Ottawa Valley Minor Hockey Association.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_