Appendix C: Coach Code of Conduct

Involvement in Olds Minor Hockey Association is a privilege and not a right. All coaches involved in Olds Minor Hockey are accountable to the Association for their conduct. This code applies to all coaches. All coaches are expected to always adhere to the following:

As an Olds Minor Hockey coach, I will:

Fair Play:

- Respect and adhere to all ideals, policies and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, and Olds Minor Hockey Association.
- Respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions, and teach my players to do the same.
- Ensure that all players get equal instruction, support, and fair playing time. I understand that it is my responsibility to weigh factors such as player commitment, work ethic, dedication, and situational play throughout the season to determine "fair" ice time, and that "fair" may not always imply "equal" in any given game.

Safety:

- Ensure that my team's equipment is complete, safe, and in good condition.
- Prohibit unacceptable conduct within the dressing rooms, on the bench, on the ice surface, and during road trip travel.
- Adhere to dressing room policy regarding proper supervision.
- Do my best to mange the behavior of my players.
- Inform parents/guardians and abide by the Association's discipline processes if a player is disciplined during a game, practice, or other Olds Minor Hockey activity.

Positive Competition:

- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork, and a positive attitude at all times.
- Be generous with my praise when it is deserved and encourage players to have confidence in themselves; I will not ridicule or yell at players, or criticize them publicly. I will be consistent, honest, fair, and just. I will remember the value of a positive and respectful approach, even in discipline.
- Keep winning in perspective and accept defeat graciously.
- Encourage all my players to be team players.
- Be a positive role model for my players and display emotional maturity by maintaining self control.

Respect:

- Refrain from using foul language towards players, parents, other coaches, and officials.
- Show respect for the feelings and abilities of my players and the players on the opposing team.
- Be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, respect the considerations of, and work collaboratively with the Association's ice scheduler.
- Keep lines of communication open with parents, players, and the Association.

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Professional Standards and Development:

- Obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills as required.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for players, and familiarize myself with the rules, techniques, and strategies of hockey.
- Be prepared. I will not ask anything of players, other coaches, parents, or the Association that I would not ask and expect of myself.

Appendix C: Coach Code of Conduct Acknowledgement and Agreement Pledge

All coaches must sign and return the following to the Executive Administrator of the Association within thirty days of appointment to formalize acknowledgement and agreement with the "Positive Participation Policy" and the "Coach Code of Conduct".

Please initial each clause and complete the request below for your printed name, signature, and date:

____ I have read and agree to abide by the "Positive Participation Policy" as set out and adopted by the Olds Minor Hockey Association.

____ I have read and agree to abide by the "Coach Code of Conduct" as set out and adopted by the Olds Minor Hockey Association.

___ I have read and agree to abide by the policies and procedures as set and adopted by the Olds Minor Hockey Association.

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Signature: _____

Date: _____