# GREATER PETAWAWA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION COACH’S/Bench Staff - FAIR PLAY PLEDGE

Appendix A

It is the intention of this pledge to promote fair play and respect for all participants within the Greater Petawawa 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 GREATER PETAWAWA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, which are consistent with the objectives, and policies of each home association.
2. 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.
3. I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, opponents and teammates.
4. I will ensure *all* athletes receive equal instruction, discipline, support and appropriate, fair playing time.
5. 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.
6. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the athlete's ages and ability.
7. I will follow the advice of a physician to determine when an injured player is ready to resume play.
8. I will remember that players need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
9. I will make a personal commitment to be informed on sound coaching principles.
10. I will develop my team's season on a balanced basis between games and practices.
11. 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.
12. I will make sure there is a strict policy against hazing regardless of the level of hockey I am involved with as a coach/bench staff.

*Hazing is defined as “an initiation practice that may humiliate, demean, degrade, or disgrace a person regardless of location or consent of the participant(s)”.*

I agree to abide by the principles of the FAIR PLAY CODE as set by the Hockey Canada and supported by the Greater Petawawa Minor Hockey Association.

I also agree to abide by the rules, regulations and decisions as set by the Greater Petawawa Minor Hockey Association and understand that failure to do so could result in a suspension of my privileges and / or my expulsion from the Association.

PRINT NAME: SIGNATURE: WITNESS:

DATE: