

*Dorchester Youth Hockey, Inc.*  
**Coaches Responsibilities 2007-2008 Season**

- All coaches are required to participate in USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program (CEP) and to receive appropriate level certification as well as maintain certification in accordance with Mass Hockey and USA Hockey guidelines.
- Coaches shall comply with all DYH, Inc., Mass Hockey, and USA Hockey rules, regulations, and procedures.
- Coaches must be present in locker room at least one half hour before games and practices. After game/practice remain in locker until all players have left. Coaches are required to ensure that an adult is present in the locker room anytime players are using them.
- Coaches shall ensure that all players are under adult care at the conclusion of league related activities.
- Coaches shall inform players/parents of games and practices. (This could be done by having a team manager; the Coach will inform the manager and the manager will inform the other parents/players.)
- Coaches shall set a proper example to all players - no profanity, drinking alcohol, smoking and/or any other behavior that is detrimental to your status as a role model.
- Coaches shall provide each skater with equal ice time. Avoid problems by explaining your policies to your players and parents ahead of time. Such policies may include missing practices/games, disciplinary procedures, tournament games, etc. This is a good reason to have a coaches/parents meeting before the games start. It is best to have it in writing and have the board review your policies.
- Coaches shall participate in DYH, Inc., Mass Hockey, and USA Hockey activities, including, but not limited to, meetings, seminars, clinics, fundraising events, etc. Coaching clinics are reimbursable the next season if you continue to coach for Dorchester Youth Hockey, Inc.
- Coaches shall promote DYH, Inc., activities to players, parents and others.
- Coaches shall be responsible for all DYH, Inc., equipment used by you and your team.
- Coaches shall enter team in at least one tournament. Coaches shall notify League of play as soon as possible so changes in schedules can be made.

- Coaches shall make year an enjoyable experience while preparing players for next level - not just in a hockey sense but in life experiences also.
- Have players act in a respectable manner at all times so as to reflect positively on both yourself and DYH Inc.
- Coaches shall report scores to League of play in a timely manner.
- Coaches are provided a Dorchester Youth Hockey e-mail address to facilitate communication between themselves, the organization, players, parents and relevant outside entities. Coaches are responsible for checking their e-mail as well as the DYH website ([www.dorchesteryouthhockey.org](http://www.dorchesteryouthhockey.org)) on a regular and reoccurring basis.