**PYHA Coach of the year award:**

Parents, coaches or teams may nominate a coach who exemplifies the PYHA Code of conduct on and off the ice. Submissions need to be turned into the PYHA secretary no later than Feb. 24th. All submissions will be read and voted on at the February 25th closed board meeting. Awards will be given at the annual year end banquet. Submissions forms are available on the PYHA Website.

PYHA Coaches Code of Conduct:

* I will hold mandatory Parent/Coach meetings for questions and answers at the beginning and throughout the season, or as needed.
* I will attend coaches’ meetings and clinics as directed by the Hockey Development Committee.
* I will set up scrimmages. (It is the team’s responsibility to request and pay for referees per District 10 guidelines. Mite/8U is handled in-house)
* In the event of a conflict, I will wait twenty-four hours before phoning the respective party to have a constructive discussion regarding the concern(s). Direct communication should be the first step in attempting to resolve any concern(s). I will never address the concern(s) directly in front of any player(s) or while at the arena. If I have additional concerns, I will contact the level representative and follow PYHA’s conflict resolution process.
* I will place the emotional and physical well-being of any player ahead of any personal desire to win.
* I will support an alcohol, tobacco, and drug free sports environment and will adhere to all PYHA guidelines regarding substance abuse and weapons.
* I will insist that my team treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
* I will remember the game is for the children and not the adults.
* I will show good sportsmanship at all times.
* I will encourage all players to play to the best of their ability.
* I will provide supervision and discipline in the locker room(s) at all times.
* I will keep locker rooms clean.
* I will provide proper ice time to all players.
* I will follow and respect the direction of the Hockey Development Committee.
* I will provide a positive learning environment for all players.
* I will reinforce the positive aspects of any game and team’s efforts, while refraining from ridiculing or verbally confronting any player, coach, referee, or other spectator.
* I will teach sportsmanship by example and respect for others. Obscene or vulgar language or the use of a physical gesture that is considered vulgar is not tolerated.
* I will recruit no more than 2-3 assistant coaches who are able to attend practices and games.
* I will expect good teamwork from all players.
* I will do my best to make hockey a fun experience for my team.
* I will enforce and support the Player Code of Conduct.
* I will enforce and support the Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct.
* I will recognize the team represents PYHA, and a coach shall not allow any behavior, on or off the ice, that reflects poorly on the team, PYHA or the community.

**PYHA Character of the year submission**

Coaches Name:

Team:

Person Nominating:

Please describe the coach/manager character, how do they show the PYHA Code of conduct, what do other parents/players say about the coach/manager: