



CODE OF CONDUCT

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1.0 General Conduct

- 1.1 Players and coaches must show respect for the game, their opponents, the officials and the fans. Those displaying unruly conduct or causing off ice altercations before, during or after games in or around the rinks or a violation of these regulations may be suspended. Any Board Member present at a Prince Albert Hockey event may issue an indefinite suspension and, at first opportunity, shall refer the matter to the PAH Board for a review and determination of any disciplinary action or suspension.
- 1.2 Parents' actions must be tempered towards good conduct and the welfare of the players. Spectator or parental abuse of the coaches, players or officials will not be tolerated. Those exhibiting such conduct may be required to leave the rink and may, along with the player, be suspended from the league for a period of time to be determined by the PAH Board.
- 1.3 It is the expectation of the Prince Albert Hockey that referees and linesmen will demonstrate positive conduct towards the game of hockey and all participants. Mutual respect between officials and all players, coaches and parents is to be exhibited in all divisions.
- 1.4 During team activities, no one associated with a team, including players, coaches, officials, managers, trainers or persons transporting players shall be under the influence of, or use, alcohol or illegal drugs. Prince Albert Hockey supports *zero tolerance*. Participants violating this rule are subject to indefinite suspensions.

2.0 Coach Conduct

- 2.1 Coaches are to meet with the player's parents at the start of the season. A PAH Board Member is available to assist at this point. PAH Board Member contact information can be found on the PAH website, or they can be invited to the initial parent meeting where the manager is approved.
- 2.2 A coach is responsible for the discipline and conduct of his/her players and may impose reasonable sanctions when necessary. PAH will support the Coaches/Managers in these situations provided team expectations and sufficient warnings have been provided to the Player/Parents. A record of these transactions should be kept and made available to PAH upon request. Examples may be attitude, missing practice, late for games etc.
- 2.3 A maximum of five (5) team officials (coach, manager, trainer and assistant coach(s)), as listed on the SHA certification form will be allowed on the team bench during the game. All coaches and assistant coaches are required to have their proper certification level as per SHA regulations. Even if circumstance arise that may prevent team officials from helping on the bench it is still that persons responsibility to attend and complete all certification required.

- 2.4 a) **Player Ice Time Equality Policy House League:** Prince Albert Hockey specifies that player ice time allocation is to be equal for all players over a period of time. Equity of ice time per player cannot be assessed on a one or two game basis. Violations of this policy shall result in suspension of the coach.
- b) Every goalie should have a reasonable expectation to play $\frac{1}{2}$ of all games (whether that is $\frac{1}{2}$ of each game or rotating games is decision of the coach). The goaltending rotation should be communicated to the player and parents. If a player is absent for any reason from a game, it would not be reasonable to expect to make up the shifts lost. For example, if a goalie misses a game that they were expected to play in, it is not reasonable to expect that the rotation would change to accommodate.
- c) Injuries: If a player is injured during a game and sits out a few shifts, they should not expect to make up the missed shifts.
- 2.5 Prince Albert Hockey teams are accountable for payment of all repairs to arena equipment and facility damages that their players/teams are responsible for.
- 2.6 Do not lower yourself to the level of fans or other coaches who throw tantrums, use profanity, make a spectacle of themselves by abusing the game official, and in general degrade themselves and the game.
- 2.7 **Coaches are responsible for supervision of dressing rooms.**
- 2.8 Coaches are reminded that involvement in the minor hockey system includes the development of referees. Failure to control the bench and/or abuse of officials is not conducive to developing and retaining quality referees.

3.0 Player Conduct

- 3.1 'AA' Players are required to participate in:
- 3.1.1 A minimum of two team practices per week.
 - 3.1.2 Regular season and playoff games as scheduled by the league.
 - 3.1.3 A maximum of three (3) parent approved tournaments per season not including their division tournament sponsored by the league.
- 3.2 House League players are required to participate in:
- 3.2.1 A minimum of one team practice per week.
 - 3.2.2 Regular season and playoff games as scheduled by the league.
- 3.3 Players are encouraged, but are not required, to participate in any additional tournaments and/or non-league exhibition games, which may be arranged by the team. Coaches shall not impose sanctions or otherwise discipline any player who does not participate in such additional games.
- 3.4 Players at all levels are expected to adhere strictly to Social Media Policies as set out by Prince Albert Hockey and the SHA at all times.

4.0 Parent Conduct/Charter

- 4.1 Parents expect that their child will be treated fairly and equally on the ice as well as off the ice.
- 4.2 Players are to be taught the skills of the game that he/she are capable of performing at their age level.
- 4.3 Players continue throughout minor hockey to improve individual skills and to start to learn the importance of cooperation, team play and understand competition.
- 4.4 Parents are expected to have their child at all practices and games at times specified by the coaches and equipped sufficiently according to CSA standards.
- 4.5 Parents should notify absences due to illness, travel, etc. to the coach at least 48 hours before the said activity, if possible. If you are aware of scheduling conflicts sooner, communicate that knowledge to the team coach(s) at that time to help prevent line-up shortages.
- 4.6 House league players will usually practice once or twice a week and have one or two games. Expect to be at the rink three to four times per week. Developmental players can expect to be at the rink five days a week.
- 4.7 Parents are expected to conduct themselves in a positive manner and with a positive attitude toward our great game including your child's teammates, fellow parents, coaches, referees, rink attendants, opposition players, coaches, parents, bus drivers, hotel personnel, minor hockey executive and anyone else affiliated with the game of hockey.
- 4.8 Your child has a coach on the ice. They do not require a mixed message from home that may be contradictory to the coach.

5.0 Code of Conduct Contract

- 5.1 All Prince Albert Hockey players Peewee and up will be expected to read and sign the Code of Conduct Contract. All Parents or Legal Guardians regardless of division or tier will be expected to read and sign a Code of Conduct Contract.