



Parent's Code of Conduct

It is the responsibility of the parents to:

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

A parent's attitude toward sport - its goals and how to achieve them, and sense of sportsmanship and fair play will hugely impact on his/her child's experience and long-term enjoyment of the game of ringette. It will also affect the team and often the Association. Please keep in mind that ringette should be, first and foremost, fun to play....development will follow.

1. Totally support your child's desire to play ringette by offering encouragement and by taking a sincere interest in them and their team. It is for their enjoyment, not mine.
2. Allow your child to establish their own goals and to play the game for themselves. Your child is playing ringette, not you. Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals.
3. Encourage your child to always play by the rules (both sport and team)
4. Recognize and appreciate the importance of coaches, as they are vital to the development of your child and the sport of ringette. Coaches volunteer their time to make your child's ringette experience a positive one. Communicate with them and support them. Never voice criticisms or concerns towards coaches, referees or administrators in front of any player. Refrain from coaching from the stands.
5. If you have a concern, communicate openly and constructively with your child's coach or Parent Liaison in the spirit of team effort and take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place, giving at least 24 hours of space between the incident and the discussion and in the presence of a designated 3rd party (appointed by the Association Executive). Disrespectful or offensive treatment of any coach is unacceptable under all circumstances and violations will be dealt with promptly and decisively.
6. Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit the child over winning. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups so that the child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.

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7. Be a positive role model. Children learn best by example. Applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents. Show respect to coaches, referees, opponents and other spectators.
8. Do not expect the coaches to act as babysitters. Be on site to assist the coach should my child need my assistance with equipment, hair, bathroom break.
9. Ensure my child gets to and from the arena in a timely manner as to not disrupt the practice or game.
10. Enjoy the game, learn all you can about ringette---and PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

Arnprior McNab Ringette Association

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My signature certifies that I have read and will abide by the Parent Code of Conduct.

Parent Name (print): Date:

Signature: