

NCRA Code of Conduct

(Appendix I in NCRA Policies and Procedures)



Introduction:

- A. Nova Central takes great pride that its "Members" (Players, Parents, Guardians, Coaches, and Volunteers) act in accordance with values we consider important: respect, responsibility, trust, fairness, and caring.
- B. We are dedicated to pursuing victory and honour, to adhering to the rules of competition, sportsmanship and developing Ringette players with a strong moral character.
- C. We recognize that healthy sports experiences require support and input from "Members" but to ensure a safe and healthy Ringette environment, "Members" must follow the "Code of Conduct".

Code of Conduct:

- 1) I will not force my child to participate in Ringette.
- 2) I will remember that my child plays Ringette for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
- 3) I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 4) I will teach my child that playing fair, trying hard and doing one's best is just as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game or by his/her performance.
- 5) I will remember that children learn from example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents. I will make comments that encourage continued effort.
- 6) I will show respect for athletes, coaches, officials, other spectators, their decisions, and I will encourage other participants to do the same. In particular, I will refrain from using foul and abusive language, alcohol, and inappropriate physical behaviour.
- 7) I will remember that officials are developing, as are players they are officiating.
- 8) I will support Nova Central Ringette Association's efforts to prevent verbal and physical abuse at Ringette games.
- 9) I will respect and show appreciation for the efforts of the coaching staff and team officials who volunteer their time to Ringette for my child.
- 10) I will act responsibly and show respect toward all facilities and facility staff.
- 11) If I wish to express concern or make a complaint, I will do so using the appropriate channels and in a positive and constructive manner and after having observed a 24-hour waiting period. If I do not know the proper channels of Nova Central Ringette Association, then I will contact an executive member and ask for assistance.
- 12) I will remember that like the coaches and the players, I represent Nova Central Ringette and I will do my best to create a positive impression.
- 13) I will remember that Ringette players are children and they cannot be judged by professional standards and I will have realistic expectations.
- 14) I will encourage my guest(s) to follow the same Code of Conduct.

- 15) Any "Member" (Players, Parents, Guardians, Coaches and Volunteers) who fails to comply with the Code of Conduct of this association and exhibits behaviour that is deemed inappropriate is subject to disciplinary action as set by Nova Central Ringette Association's Disciplinary Committee and/or Executive. Although the Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to take any steps it deems appropriate, as a general guideline, the committee will implement the following steps if discipline action is needed.
- a) First offence: Written warning
 - b) Second offence: Written notification of suspension for 7 days from all Ringette activities
 - c) Third offence: Written notification of suspension from all Ringette activities for the remainder of the Ringette season.
 - d) Final: Written notification of removal of "Member" from the association
- 16) I understand that Nova Central Ringette Association will apply restrictions of privilege if I do not adhere to the "Members" Code of Conduct Agreement of all the Nova Central Ringette Association and RNS Rules and Regulations. These restrictions will be determined by the Disciplinary Committee and can include spectator privileges, player suspension, and/or removal from the Association based on the frequency and severity of incidents.
- 17) I, the undersigned, have read and understand the Nova Central Ringette Association "Code of Conduct" and agree to abide by these guidelines.

Athlete Name <i>(please print)</i>	Athlete Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Name <i>(please print)</i> (If under 18 years of age)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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