

## **PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Sport provides many great moments that parents and children can share and enjoy. It should be part of the educational process for children and, therefore, should be operated as an educational experience so that all children have the right to learn and participate in an enjoyable, positive, and stress-free environment. Many children dream of playing like their favourite sport star. It's up to parents to nurture those dreams and to help their child's sport experience be fun, safe and valuable. You want your child to be able to look back on the youth sport experience with fondness. You, as parents, have a part to play in those moments. All parents must sign this pledge so their child is allowed to participate in hockey and must continue to observe the principles of Fair Play.

### **FAIR PLAY CODE:**

- I will not force my child to participate in hockey.
- I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game.
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays and performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public. I recognize officials are being developed in the same manner as players.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's hockey games.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to hockey

### **PARENTS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO:**

1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status
2. Encourage your child to play sports, but don't pressure. Let your child choose to play, and to quit, if she or he wants.
3. Understand what your child wants from sports and provide a supportive atmosphere for achieving these goals.
4. Teach cooperation, teamwork, and how to follow the rules.
5. Attend games.
6. Emphasize fun and enjoyment.

7. Keep winning in perspective, and help your child do the same.
8. Help your child meet responsibilities to the team and the coach.
9. Teach your child to recognize sexual, physical, and verbal abuses.
10. Trust the care of the player to the coaches at practices and games -respect the coaches' decision, direction and philosophy.
11. Supply the coach with information regarding any allergies or medical conditions your child. Make sure your child takes any necessary medications to the games and practices.
12. Respect and show appreciation for the volunteer who gave their time, to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for your child.
13. Parents have the responsibility to take the online version of Respect in Sport.

**PARENTS MUST:**

1. Never verbally or physically abuse a child after a game for poor performance.
2. Never come to the ice rink intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.
3. Never use bad language, nor harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.
4. Never yell or criticize any child's performance from the stands.
5. Never get caught up in the heat of the moment.

I have read and understand the above statements and agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards established in the Parent Code of Conduct.

I have read and agree to abide by the principles of the FAIR PLAY CODE as set by Hockey Canada and supported by the Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association and its member MHAs. I understand that failure to abide by these principles will result in disciplinary action which can include, inter alia, suspension for up to sixty (60) days as per VIAHA By-Law 700 (h), suspension of in excess of sixty (60) days as per VIAHA By-Law 700(j) or termination or expulsion from membership. I also agree to abide by the rules, regulations and decisions as set by the Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association and the Campbell River Minor Hockey Association

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