

FOOTHILLS RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

Parents' Code of Conduct

General Expectations

1. **Support your child's desire to play ringette** by offering encouragement and taking a sincere interest in them and their team.
2. **Allow your child to establish their own goals** and 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. **Teach your child to play by the rules** and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility.
4. **Be positive role models for your child** and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrating positive support for other players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game.
5. **Respect the referee and their authority during games.** Never criticize, contradict, or interfere with referees or coaches at the arena.
6. **Teach your child that doing one's best is as important as winning** so that your child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
7. **Recognize and appreciate the importance of coaches.** 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.
8. **If you have a concern, speak with the coaches and/or division coordinator in an appropriate manner** including time and place. Be sure to follow the proper communication lines as noted in the Grievance section of this policy in conjunction with those communications lines outlined by the coaches. Disrespect or offensive treatment of any coach is unacceptable under all circumstances and violations will be dealt with promptly and decisively.
9. **Ensure your concerns are with respect to the betterment of the team as a whole** as well as your child. Observe a 24-hour cool down before voicing contentious issues or concerns. Refrain from coaching from the stands. Let the coach(es) do their job.
10. **Any child who is young enough to normally require adult supervision must be supervised by their parents or a designated guardian at all times at the arena.** Neither coaches nor any team official is responsible for the supervision of any child unless otherwise stated.
11. **Enjoy the game; learn all you can about ringette and VOLUNTEER.**
12. **FRA will observe a very low tolerance for inappropriate behavior or interference on the part of parents or spectators** as outlined in this code and will deal strictly with infractions that come to its attention. If parents or spectators have complaints regarding the officiating during a game, they are to voice these to the coach and not to the referee. If necessary, the coach should then in turn speak with the division coordinator. Only the coach may address the referee during a game. Parents must keep in mind that they are spectators only and in no way participants in the game.

Additional Expectations

1. **Be responsible for the actions of the people you bring to the games.** Ensure that your guests act respectfully and appropriately. Any inappropriate behavior from your guests will be considered a reflection of your own conduct.

Compliance

By your signature, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by this code. This acknowledgment on your behalf shall constitute your agreement to conduct yourself in accordance with the letter and the spirit of this code.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

Witness:

Foothills Ringette Association reserves the right to deal with any player, parent, coach, and/or Board member not adhering to the FRA Code of Conducts and administer appropriate problem resolution as determined by the FRA appointed Grievance Committee who have the final authority on the disposition of all grievances and appeals.

This form must be signed and returned to the Foothills Ringette Association.