



## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure that the game remains a game, positive and constructive for all players, it is essential that each member of the SGHA (players, coaches, parents and Executive) maintain a high level of respect, camaraderie and composure towards the hockey community as a whole.

When a game is as physical and fast-paced as hockey, it is inevitable that tempers will occasionally rise, and poor judgment may occur. As parents, guardians, and coaches, it is our responsibility to encourage our youth to respect the game, the rules, and those involved. We must remember that children learn best by example. When we show positive attitudes towards the game, other players, coaches, and referees, our children benefit.

This policy presents the expectations for conduct from athletes/players, coaches, parents, volunteers, and all other members when participating in any SGHA-sanctioned event. We hold all our members to a high standard of sportsmanship and by enforcing this code of conduct it allows the SGHA to promote a safe, rewarding, and fun experience for all.

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1. Participation in the Stittsville Girls Hockey Association (SGHA) is a privilege; not a right.
2. It is mandatory to respect and adhere to the SGHA Constitution, and all other policies and rules/regulations determined by both the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA), and the SGHA.
3. The 24-Hour Rule applies and is in effect for all SGHA sanctioned activities. Wait 24 hours as a cool down period before approaching a coach or member of the team staff, or the SGHA Executive with a concern or complaint.
4. Physical abuse or threats of physical abuse towards other parents, coaches, officials, players, or members of the SGHA Executive will NOT be tolerated.
5. Foul language, other forms of verbal abuse or harassment towards other parents, coaches, officials, players (including your own), or members of the SGHA Executive will not be tolerated.
6. Respect the rules of the game, opponents (players, parents and coaches), officials and their decisions.
7. Maintain self-control at ALL times.
8. Respect the facilities including, but not limited to Home/Away Arenas, Hotels etc.
9. Remember that you and your child(ren) represent the SGHA, our community and the City of Ottawa.
10. Players, coaches, referees, and timekeepers are all human, and make mistakes. Show respect for the decisions, judgment, and authority of these individuals at all times.
11. Show respect for the feelings and abilities of your child, their teammates, and players on the other team.
12. Refrain from excessive demonstrations of frustration and anger.
13. Refrain from expressing opinions of coaches, players and/ or parents from both your child's team and the opposing team, especially in front of your child.



14. Read and follow the SGHA Social Media Policy. This policy outlines how parents and players should voice any concerns privately, not in public, and not in a public forum (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter).

This policy applies to all Stittsville Girls Hockey Association (SGHA) HOCKEY affiliated events and teams.

A first attempt to resolve any issues will be addressed at the **Team Level** through a discussion with the Head Coach and Manager. Any Issues not resolved at the Team Level will be escalated to the division Convenor for resolution. If a resolution is not reached at this level, the Division Convenor will have the authority to escalate to the SGHA Executive Level. The SGHA Executive will review the issue and disciplinary action may be taken for a violation of the Code of Conduct.