



RINGETTE ONTARIO PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Ringette Ontario is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. As a parent, you play a special role in the development of your daughter or son, and of his/her teammates. Your encouragement and examples ensure good sportsmanship and self-discipline more than any other influence. Parents should observe the following Code of Conduct with their child athletes:

1. I will not force my child to participate in Ringette.
2. I will remember that my child plays Ringette for their 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 doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game.
5. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard.
6. I will respect my child's teammates, fellow parents as well as opposition coaches, players, and parents.
7. I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays and performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
8. I will never question the game official's judgment or honesty in public.
9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's Ringette games.
10. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers and coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child's development.
11. I will not coach from the sidelines unless asked by the coach.
12. I will abide by the team's communication rules between coaches and parents (e.g. through the parent liaison, etc.).
13. I will be responsible for my guests at my child's Ringette games, encouraging them to respect and abide by the Parents' Code of Conduct.