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Parents, What Should We Be Looking For From The Game?

- A fun, safe, positive environment to play the game
- A place to:
 - Learn to be a team player
 - Make life-long friends
 - Learn to be a gracious winner or loser



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Being a Hockey Parent Is No Easy Task

- Hockey parents are often called upon to wear many different volunteer hats, some of which result in conflicting roles.
- Hockey Canada is committed to helping those parents meet these challenges to ensure they continue to enjoy the game and have as much fun as their kids.



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Player to Parent Relationship

What Are the Motives of a Player?

- A positive first hockey experience
- Fun
- Making friends
- Emulating a hero
- Playing like mom/dad

Is there a difference between a 16 year old and a 5 year old?



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Player to Parent Relationship

Parent Roles and Responsibilities

- Focusing on your child's enjoyment
- Support your child's endeavors
- Model acceptable behaviour to your children
- Reaffirming your child's self confidence during practices and games
- Keeping your player focused on participation and fun, not results
- Parents need to be positive, understanding, and responsible!



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Parent to Coach Relationship

Coaches and Parents

- Respect coaches' duties, goals and responsibilities
- Always be positive and respectful when communicating with coaches.
- Let the coaches coach
- 24 hour rule



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Parent to Coach Relationship

Value-Based Coaching

- What is value-based coaching?
- There are many values that coaches relay to players through words or actions, including responsibility and respect.
- Parents need to work in conjunction with coaches to ensure your children take these values to heart.



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Parent to Coach Relationship

Value-Based Coaching

- Parents must work with coaches to reinforce learned values
- Children constantly look to coaches for instruction and approval
- All coaches are volunteers
- Respect must be practiced toward all parties involved, all the time!



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Parent to Parent Relationship

Affecting Change in Parents

- The “silent majority” – most people do not express their opinions publically
 - group dynamics and effective problem solving
- Interact respectfully and responsibly with other parents
- Let communication and common sense help during difficult times



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Parent to Parent Relationship

Fostering Parental Respect and Responsibility

- In the heat of the moment – respect and responsible behavior first!
- Model expected behavior for your player at all times
- The onus is on ALL parents to act in preventing unacceptable conduct



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Parent to MHA Relationship

How can you get involved with your MHA?

- How to become involved as a volunteer
 - Attend the AGM
 - Read the policy manual
 - Attend meetings and learn how your association operates
- The benefits of being a volunteer
 - Lifetime friendships
 - Can be a positive role model for your child
 - Share your love and experiences in sport



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Parent to MHA Relationship

Implementation of Educational Programs

- Educational Programs available for coaches, officials and risk managers
 - Respect in Sport, etc.
- Parent education and awareness programs available
- The importance of encouraging these programs locally



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What Does Your MHA, Branch and Hockey Canada Expect From You as a Parent?

- To focus on the kids having a fun, positive experience
- To hold high but reasonable expectations
- To promote the balance between hockey and life
- To always model positive, responsible behaviour
- To treat all those involved with respect!



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What Does Your MHA, Branch and Hockey Canada Expect From You as a Parent?

- Where there is disagreement or conflict, expressing views and opinions in a respectful manner is vital
- Emphasize important values such as:
 - Sportsmanship
 - Cooperation
 - Fairness
 - Respect
 - Excellence
 - Teamwork



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MHA Policies

- KPMHA [Policy and Procedures](#)



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Complaint Procedure

- Complainant (complaint in writing) → Team Manager → Divisional Director → President → VIAHA → BC Hockey /Hockey Canada /and or appropriate Local Police/Child Protection Agency
- KPMHA does not support direct complaint to coaches



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