

Melville Minor Hockey Association



Code of Conduct for
Players, Parents, Team
Officials & On Ice Officials
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Melville Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) dedicates itself to the advancement of minor hockey for all individuals by ensuring meaningful opportunities and enjoyable experiences in a safe sportsmanlike environment.

MMHA has adopted a "Code of Conduct" that all team officials, players and parents/guardians are expected to follow. The purpose of this "Code of Conduct" is to maintain a fun, pleasurable experience for all who attend any function related to MMHA. A violation of the "Code of Conduct" may lead to disciplinary action against the team official, player or parent/guardian; thus, recommended that you familiarize yourself with the "Code of Conduct" and the possible disciplinary action as detailed in the MMHA Operating Policies.

The MMHA "Code of Conduct" places an emphasis on respect: Respect the game; Respect the rules; Respect the opponents; Respect the Coaches, Officials, Parents, Executives, Players, Arena Staff, Volunteers and their decisions; Respect the facility; Maintain self-control at all times.

The following are guidelines are expected to be followed:

Failure to do so will automatically invoke the 3 Strike Rule.

1. **Warning**
2. **Suspension**
3. **Dismissal from the organization**

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

I will:

- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Saskatchewan, MMHA and my team.
- Respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible.
- Be present before games and practices in a timely manner.
- Notify the coach/manager ahead of time if I will be absent. Failure to notify could result in reduced ice time.
- Respect the facilities, both home or away, in which I am privileged to play.
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my team and the Association.
- Refrain from using foul language towards teammates, coaches, officials or opponents.
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers.
- Show respect for the feelings and abilities of the players on the other team, as well as your own team.
- Accept the capabilities of other players.
- Respect and follow the Association's Social Media Policy (adopted from Hockey Saskatchewan).
- Accept defeat gracefully...love the game above the prize.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I will:

- Support my child with positive encouragement.
- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Saskatchewan, MMHA and my child's team.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Encourage my child to attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible in a timely manner. Notify the coach/manager ahead of time of absences, understanding that failure to notify could result in reduced ice time.
- Respect the facilities, both home or away, in which my child is privileged to play.
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers.
- Show respect for the feelings and accept the capabilities of my child, my child's teammates and players on the other team.
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my child and the Association.
- Avoid confusing my child by coaching from the stands.
- Gain an understanding of the **MMHA 48 hour rule** to deal with team complaints and adhere to it.
- Refrain from expressing my opinion of the coaches or players in front of my own child.
- Refrain from using foul language towards other parents, coaches, officials or opponents.
- Refrain from yelling at or threatening referees, opposing players, your own players or coaches before, during, or after games or practices.
- Refrain from demonstrating frustration or anger after a loss or poor performance.
- Not physically abuse any other person.
- Refrain from approaching the bench or officials during a game situation unless summoned by a coach.
- Respect and follow the Association's Social Media Policy (adopted from Hockey Saskatchewan).
- Accept defeat gracefully...love the game above the prize.
- As a Time Keeper be fair and honest when marking goals/assists/penalties, ect.

TEAM OFFICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT

I will:

- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Saskatchewan, MMHA and my team.
- Act as a leader of my team and act in a highly professional manner at all hockey related activities.
- Be responsible for my behavior and the behavior of my team.
- Respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Show respect to the players and parents of my team.
- Respect the facilities, either home or away, in which my team plays.
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my team and the Association.
- Refrain from using foul language towards my players, other coaches, officials or opponents.
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers
- Show respect for the feelings and abilities of the players on the other team.
- Accept the capabilities of all players.
- Respect and follow the Association's Social Media Policy (adopted from Hockey Saskatchewan).
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OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

I will:

- Do the best job I can in each game, no matter what category of hockey.
- Always show respect for my fellow officials, the players, coaches and fans.
- Study and continue to improve my knowledge of Hockey Canada's playing rules, and the Hockey Canada Officiating Program, and Hockey Saskatchewan's Referee Division policies and procedures.
- Represent myself and the rules of the game as fairly and as accurately as possible at all times.
- Always be unquestionably impartial, keeping a professional and appropriate distance from the teams.
- Uphold the right of all hockey participants to "Fair Play" and penalize all violent acts.
- Be supportive of my fellow on-ice and off-ice officials at all times, even when I am a spectator.
- Accept the fact that I will make mistakes, but I will not get frustrated or let this learning process affect my performance or my professionalism.
- Contribute to the continuing growth of the Hockey Canada Officiating Program and its officials within my branch through support, encouragement and positive attitude.
- Respect and accept constructive feedback from official coaches and the assignments I receive from my administrators.

At the end of the day, this is a game. The greatest game on earth, the fastest game on earth, but still just a game.

Melville Minor Hockey Association strongly encourages all parents to take the online Respect in Sports program. It is a requirement that all coaches and coaching staff have this certification. For more information, please visit

<https://hockeysask.ca/rink-safe/respect-in-sport>

You can also find the SHA Social Media Policy that MMHA has adopted at

<https://hockeysask.ca/members/handbook/media-and-social-media>

All of MMHA's policies and procedures can be found at www.melvilleminorhockey.net

If at any time you have any questions, please contact the General Manager of Hockey Operations, Andrew Martinook, at mmhageneralmanager@gmail.com or the President of Melville Minor Hockey, Darrell Halarewich at halarewich70@hotmail.com

**Minor Hockey happens because of volunteers ~
without them, there would not be hockey in our
community.**