

**SMRA PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

- a) Support your child's desire to play ringette by offering encouragement and by taking a sincere interest in them and their team.
- b) Allow your child to establish their own goals and to 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.
- c) Teach your child to play by the rules, and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility.
- d) Be positive role models for your child and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for other players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game.
- e) Respect the Referee and his/her authority during games and will never criticize, contradict or interfere with Referees or Coaches at the arena.
- f) 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.
- g) Recognize and appreciate the importance of coaches, as 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.
- h) If you have a concern, take time to 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.
- i) 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.
- j) 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.
- k) Enjoy the game; learn all you can about ringette and **VOLUNTEER**.
- l) SMRA will observe a very low tolerance for inappropriate behaviour 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 Co-ordinator. 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.
- m) Agree to abide by all SMRA policies and variances thereof. (Reference SMRA Operating Policies, Procedures and Rules and Regulations, Section 4, Flow Chart, Introduction-Code of Conduct.)
- n) The parent(s)' signature(s) constitutes the full agreement of BOTH of the player's parents AND of any other personal guests to abide by the following Code of Conduct at the arena.

**I have received a copy of the SMRA Parents' Code of Conduct and I have read through it thoroughly. I agree to abide by the SMRA Parents' Code of Conduct.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Compliance: By your signature, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by this code. This acknowledgement on your behalf shall constitute your agreement to conduct yourself in accordance with the letter and the spirit of this code. **This form must be signed and returned to Strathmore Minor Ringette Association.**

