

## UOV Parental Code of Conduct and Pledge

The essential elements of character building and ethics in ringette are embodied in the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and caring and good citizenship. It is the intention of this pledge to promote fair play and respect for all participants within the Upper Ottawa Valley Ringette Association (UOV). All parents/guardians must sign this pledge before being allowed to participate in UOV Ringette and must continue to observe these principles. Failure to do so will result in consequences to those found in violation (see below).

I, as a parent/guardian of a child registered in the Upper Ottawa Valley Ringette Association agree to the following:

1. I will remember that my child participates to have fun and that the game is for youth.
2. I will learn the rules of ringette and the policies of UOV, Ontario Ringette Association (ORA), National Capital Regional Ringette League (NCRRL), and Eastern Region Ringette Association (ERRA).
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, parents, officials and spectators at every game and/or practice.
4. I will remember that children learn by example. I will acknowledge good plays and performances by both my child's team and the opponents.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any officials, coaches, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusal to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

7. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, rink staff and spectators with respect.
8. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
9. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
10. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
11. I will never question the official's judgment in public. I recognize officials are being developed in the same manner as players.
12. I respect and will never question, discuss or confront coaches in front of players either in the arena or the dressing room. I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
13. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from my child's ringette games. Any abuse towards players, coaches, officials, parents, opponents and rink staff will not be tolerated by UOV.
14. I will refrain from coaching my child and other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
15. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to ringette for my child.

I agree to abide by these principles, as set by the Upper Ottawa Valley Ringette Association. Failure to abide by the Parental Code of Conduct and Pledge will result in disciplinary action.

Consequences for Violation may include but not limited to:

1. Discussion with the appropriate Convenor.
2. Formal letter from UOV stating incidents/violations.
3. Removal from your child's practices/games/tournaments for a time to be determined by UOV.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Player/Team: \_\_\_\_\_