

# YELLOWKNIFE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PLAYERS

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Association has developed a Code of Conduct which describes the standards of behavior expected of its members. In addition, coach responsibilities include “maintaining proper discipline and conduct among assigned players; both on the ice and in the dressing room.” However, there is some uncertainty with respect to the scope of a coach’s supervisory responsibilities of the ice and outside the dressing room. This statement is intended to:

- Define the scope of a coach’s supervisory responsibilities with respect to players on his or her assigned team;
- Define Association expectations with respect to players’ parents or guardians.

### 2.0 SCOPE

This policy shall apply to:

- All members of the Association including players, coaches, other team personnel, parents and all elected and appointed personnel;
- All Association programs and activities, regardless of location; and
- All hockey programs and activities in which Association members are participating, regardless of location.

### 3.0 DEFINITIONS

“event” refers to an Association-sponsored activity which may conclude a game, practice or instructional session.

“Chaperone” refers to adult persons designated to ensure the safety, well being and proper conduct of the players during an out-of-town trip.

### 4.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Respect:** this policy is intended to provide a positive experience while providing a safe and respectful environment for our members.

**Transparency:** Decisions which affect the personal views and values of our members reflect the input of all affected parties.

### 5.0 KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Some parents or guardians may choose to attend to other matters outside the arena during an Association event in which their child is participating.
- Players may choose to remain at the arena after the completion of their event or may be required to remain there until the parent or guardian returns.
- Younger players require a greater degree of direct supervision or monitoring than older players.

- All members of the Association, including players, coaches, other team personnel and parents are governed by the Code of Conduct while in an arena or otherwise associated with an Association event.
- All members are expected to report incidents which could bring disrepute to the Association or its members.

## 6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The supervisory responsibilities of coaches and parents will vary depending upon the circumstances – within Yellowknife or out of town.

### 6.1 Yellowknife-based Activities

#### 6.1.1 Parent Responsibilities

Parents or guardians are responsible for:

- Ensuring that their child is delivered to the designated rink at least 20 minutes in advance of a planned event;
- Assisting their child to get dressed or undressed, as required;
- Ensuring that they are available to pick up their child immediately after the completion of a planned event;
- Making alternate arrangements with a friend or another parent if they are unable to meet these time requirements; and
- The conduct of their child until the player arrives at the dressing room before the event and when the player departs the dressing room after the event.

Parents are encouraged to attend all of their child's games and practices and to provide positive encouragement to their child.

#### 6.1.2 Coach Responsibilities

Coaches and designated team personnel are responsible for:

- Maintaining proper discipline and conduct among assigned players; both on the ice and in the dressing room.
- Ensuring that players conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Hockey Canada playing rules and Association policies and procedures.
- Monitoring the activities of players to ensure that they are conducting themselves in accordance with Association policies and procedures.
- Disciplining players in accordance within Association Code of Conduct.
- Ensuring that the parents of their assigned players understand the scope of the parents' and the coaches' supervisory responsibilities.

The above-noted responsibilities of coaches and team personnel begin when the player arrives in the dressing room and ends when the player leaves the dressing room.

However, all coaches and team personnel have a responsibility to report any incidents, outside these time limits, which may merit further action pursuant to the Code of Conduct.

## **6.2 Out of Town Activities**

### 6.2.1 Coach Responsibilities

Coaches and designated team personnel are responsible for:

- Ensuring that players, parents and chaperones fully understand the expected standards of behaviour and the potential sanctions for inappropriate conduct.
- Maintaining proper discipline and conduct of their assigned players as described in s. 6.1.2.
- Maintaining proper discipline and conduct of their assigned players during the periods of the trip when players are not engaged in hockey-related activities.
- Ensuring that an adequate number of chaperones (minimum of one chaperone for every five players or one chaperone per sleeping room) are available to supervise the players.

### 6.2.2 Parent Responsibilities

Parents and guardians are responsible for:

- Ensuring that their child fully understands the expected standards of behaviour and the potential sanctions for inappropriate conduct.

Parents and guardians are also expected to assist the coaches and designated team personnel by acting as chaperones whenever possible.