

Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators

Parental evaluation carries a great deal of weight with our children. The attitude shown by parents at games towards their child, the opposing team, the officials and the coach influences the child's values and behaviours in sports.

Criticism, disrespect for officials and opponents by over-anxious or over-protective parents focused on immediate success, rather than the long-range benefits undermines the purpose of sport and brings into the game stresses which adolescents cannot cope with effectively.

Therefore, a parent or spectator should:

1. Make every effort to learn the Hockey Canada and Hockey Winnipeg Rules of the Game.
2. Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
3. Refrain from coaching any player during a game.
4. Respect the decisions of the Game Officials at all time. Like the young players, they too, are being trained and are learning the game. Any concerns should be put in writing and forwarded through REMHA. Abuse of officials, of any kind, will not be tolerated.
5. Always be positive and encourage all players to participate, not force them.
6. Never use foul or abusive language at any time.
7. Co-operate fully with coaches, managers and other team officials. It is they who are donating their time to teach your children. They are providing a valuable community service, without regard for reward. Please demonstrate patience.
8. Remember that players participate in hockey for their enjoyment, not yours.
9. Focus on a player's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
10. Encourage players always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing a game.
12. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, age, ability, ethnicity or religion.
13. Teach the players the spirit of fair play by applauding every outcome. Win, lose, or draw.
14. Support the learning efforts of the players, coaches and Game Officials by demonstrating patience.
15. Understand that REMHA has the right to suspend their privilege as a spectator if they act in a manner that is deemed to be rude or otherwise offensive.

CODE OF CONDUCT for PLAYERS

All players must observe the principles of fair play and respect all others involved in the game, including opponents, spectators and officials. Therefore, REMHA players should:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow players, coaches, officials and spectators, irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Not tolerate acts of violence.
3. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow players and competitors.
4. Care for and respect the equipment provided to you as part of your program.
5. Be frank and honest with your coach concerning illness and injury and your ability to train fully within the program requirements.
6. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
7. Abide by the Rules of the Game, and respect the decision of the game officials.
8. Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
9. Co-operate with coaches and staff in development of programs to adequately prepare you for competition.
10. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.

Code of Conduct for Coaches

Coaches can be a major influence on the lives of young, developing athletes and their actions and deeds can have a lasting effect, both positively and negatively. REMHA expects that the conduct of its coaches be of the highest standards.

Coaches will:

1. Take all reasonable precautions to insure the safety of each player.
2. Be responsible for the conduct of the players, parents and spectators of the team during a practice or game session.
3. Operate within the Rules of the Game and teach the players to do the same.
4. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of players.
5. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
6. Be enthusiastic and positive. They must ensure that they are generous with their praise when deserved.
7. Maintain the high standards of personal conduct and fair play.
8. Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun. Ensure that development is equal for **all** players, not just the best.

9. Be reasonable in their demands on a player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
10. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether injured players are ready to recommence training or competition.
11. Ensure any physical contact with a player is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
12. Ensure that the training is suitable for age, experience, ability and condition of the players.
13. Ensure equal training of all players'.

Coaches will not:

1. Use profanity at any time.
2. Physically or psychologically abuse any player on his or her team or any other team, even in jest.
3. Ever ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake.
4. Openly argue with a game official. If there is a need to address the referee do so calmly and patiently after the game. A letter of concern may also be addressed to the REMHA if needed.
5. Profit directly from coaching a REMHA team. No coach shall charge for practices to make a profit, or otherwise engage in activity to generate income, from coaching an REMHA team.
6. Operate any training academy for profit or non-profit outside of REMHA without prior approval of the REMHA Board of Directors.
7. Advertise any training academy directly or indirectly to their players that is not affiliated and approved by REMHA.
8. Participate in any unsanctioned games or encourage players to play in unsanctioned games.

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in suspension, termination, or other disciplinary actions as deemed necessary by REMHA. Referee abuse will not be tolerated and will be dealt with severely.