

PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent, you play a special role in the development of your daughter or son with your encouragement and good example ensuring good sportsmanship and self-discipline. While winning is important, playing well and fairly is the essence of the game.

1. **Support your child** by giving encouragement and showing interest. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every aspect. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory.
2. **Always be positive as** children learn more by example than by criticism. Work to be a positive role model and reinforce positive behavior in others. Applaud good plays by others on your child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team. Do not criticize any child's performance from the sidelines. Accept the results of each game. Teach your child to be gracious in victory and to turn defeat into victory by learning and working toward improvement.
3. **Don't be a sideline coach or ref** and refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. The coach should be the only sideline voice. Remain well back from the sidelines and within the spectator area. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship - Do not openly question their judgment.
4. **Demonstrate a positive attitude toward your opponents and their families** and do not treat opponents as enemies. Take care to show good hospitality at home and to represent WPIHA in a positive way when visiting other Provinces. Never allow yourself to be drawn into a verbal disagreement.
5. **Remember that your child wants to have fun** and your child is the one playing ice hockey, not you. Children must establish their own goals - to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose unreasonable demands on your child. Let your children experience the fun of playing as well as the challenge of excelling.

I/we will set a good example to my/our child in his/her ice hockey development by adhering to the following:

- I/We will not criticize the referee or coaches openly or directly, during or after games and practices. Any criticism shall be done in writing, sent to WPIHA EXCO, and not done verbally or on any social media platform.
- I/We will give only positive feedback to players.
- I/We will cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play and shall do our best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome. We will be mindful in "lopsided" games where cheering our own "winning" team might be misunderstood.
- I/We shall do our best to teach my/our child to become a student/s of the game.
- I/We shall show the quality of our sportsmanship during and after each game and help my /our child remember to thank the referee after the match without regard to the result.
- I/We shall do our very best to have my/our child prepared for every game.
- I/We shall support the learning efforts of the players, the coaches, and the referees by demonstrating our patience.
- I/We understand that improper behavior at a game or practice may result in me/us being asked to leave the rink by the referee, coach or a WPIHA Committee member.
- I/We shall leave the coaching to the coach during the game and practices and shall not give my/our child instructions during the game or practice.
- I/We understand should we behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive that it may result our individual privilege to watch my/our child play suspended.
- I/We agree to have as much fun watching the game as the players should have playing the game.

DATED AT _____ THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 20__.

PARENT: _____

SIGNATURE: _____