



## Fair Play Codes

### COACHES

- ✓ I will be reasonable when scheduling games & practices, remembering that players have other interests & obligations.
- ✓ I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- ✓ I will try to ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time.
- ✓ I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- ✓ I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the player's ages & abilities.
- ✓ I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- ✓ I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- ✓ I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.

### PARENTS

- ✓ I will not force my child to participate in hockey.
- ✓ I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- ✓ I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- ✓ I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game.
- ✓ I will help my child feel good about the positives; by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- ✓ I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making mistakes or losing a game.
- ✓ I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performance by both my child's team and their opponents.
- ✓ I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public.
- ✓ I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's hockey games.
- ✓ I will respect and show appreciation for volunteer coaches who give their time to coach hockey for my child.

### PLAYERS

- ✓ I will play hockey because I want to, not just because others or coaches want me to.
- ✓ I will play by the rules of hockey, and in the spirit of the game.
- ✓ I will control my temper – fighting and "mouthing-off" can spoil the activity for everybody.
- ✓ I will respect my opponents.
- ✓ I will do my best to be a true team player.
- ✓ I will remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
- ✓ I will acknowledge all good plays/performance – those of my team and of my opponents.
- ✓ I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

### SPECTATORS

- ✓ I will remember that participants play hockey for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- ✓ I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- ✓ I will respect the officials' decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- ✓ I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- ✓ I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
- ✓ I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- ✓ I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.