

# Expectations: Parent Code & Team Rules



Southwest Hockey acknowledges the need to support our volunteers and has a minimum level of expectations in place for the Parents / Legal Guardians (“Members”), as well as participants involved in our system. These expectations are intended to encourage a level of mutual respect to the game, so the **TEAM** can focus on both **FUN** and the **DEVELOPMENT** of each participant’s hockey skills.

**EACH** Member will be required to acknowledge these expectations during registration; where the Member is making a commitment to all participants and coaching staff, and will be supportive when it comes to Association expectations. If at any point during the season these expectations are not followed, the non-adhering Member may face repercussions according to the SW Hockey Policies & Procedures.

## **Hockey is a TEAM sport!**

- 1) **Participation in Southwest Hockey activities is a privilege, not a right!**
- 2) Team Rules will be applied equally and consistently to all participants and their families.
- 3) Everyone should be contributing in order to support an overall positive experience for everyone.
- 4) Coaches have a job to do and they are **volunteering their time** to teach teamwork and the game of hockey.
  - a. Coaches need positive support from all families.
  - b. Coaches will strive to support / provide enjoyable experiences for all participants; regardless of their skill level.
  - c. **Remember**, the Coach is the authority to whom the participants look to for direction. Please do not confuse the participant(s) by attempting to reverse any of the Coach’s instructions.
- 5) **The ‘24 Hour Rule’ is ALWAYS in effect.** Unless there is imminent danger.
  - a. Member’s must gain an understanding of this rule when dealing with team complaints. Game & Conduct Resources are available on the Southwest Hockey website.
  - b. Members will follow the Communication Flow Chart with regards to incidents and disputes.
- 6) **A Maltreatment Policy** is in effect, and disciplinary action will follow should there be unbecoming behaviours by Members or Participants. Members and Participants **will treat everyone** fairly and respectfully, regardless of gender, place of origin, race, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.

## **EXPECTATIONS: MEMBER AGREES TO:**

- 1) Adhere to the Respect in Sport Parent Program, which is a mandatory requirement of registration.
- 2) Show respect for all; Coaches, Members, Participants, Officials, Families, Spectators and other Volunteers.
- 3) Acknowledge that differences of opinion can occur – **Think before you speak!** Profanity, personal criticism, and abusive language or conduct **have NO place ON or OFF the ice, and is considered unacceptable!**
- 4) Cheer for the **TEAM**, not just certain Participants. **Be Inclusive!**
- 5) Conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times when representing Southwest Hockey.
- 6) Respect all facilities which they are privileged to use.
- 7) Acknowledge that up to one (1) family member **may be permitted in the dressing rooms;** subject to the Southwest Hockey Policies and Procedures, which provide guidelines based on the specific age division.
- 8) Abide by the rules of Southwest Hockey, and the rules of its governing bodies (Hockey Calgary, Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada), including but not limited to Fair Play, Policies & Procedures and Rules and Regulations.
- 9) **Be appropriate, and respectful BOTH in-person, and during online/digital communications/chats.**
- 10) **Do their part, and BE THERE!** Arrive for games, practices and other team functions on time.

### **EXPECTATIONS CONTINUED: MEMBER AGREES TO:**

- 11) **NOT be under the influence of alcohol, or any illegal drug while in the presence of Participants at games / practices / team events.**
- 12) Adhere to the **Southwest Hockey Attendance Policy**. Attendance at games **AND practices** is important for the development of the Participants' skills and that of **TEAM** play. Members must meet the expectations. Information is also available on the website. **A MINIMUM of 48-hours' notice is required.**
  - a. In the event of same day illness, injury or other unexpected cause – same day notice may be acceptable. **However** - Should 'same day notices' continually repeat themselves, the Head Coach can request a meeting with the family to discuss the matter.
- 13) Communicate promptly and completely to the Coach and Team Manager regarding the diagnosis of a Participant's medical and/or psychological problems.
  - a. Members should keep in mind the well-being and future health of their Participant when making the decision about a Participant's Return to Play; while also respecting the Return to Play Process that Southwest Hockey has in effect; whereby a doctor's note may also be required.
- 14) Members further acknowledge there is an **Association Commitment Contract** in effect.

### **EXPECTATIONS: PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO:**

- 1) **Show RESPECT for and not publicly criticize:** Teammates, Families, Coaches, Officials and Opponents.
- 2) Conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times when representing Southwest Hockey.
- 3) **Use appropriate, and respectful in-person, and online/digital communications/chats.**
- 4) **Not use profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive/derogatory language.**
  - a. **This will not be tolerated!**
- 5) **Play Fair** → No intentional penalties or cheap shots will be tolerated. No attempt should ever be made to deliberately injure another player.
  - a. Penalties are a part of the game, **HOWEVER**; excessive amounts of penalties, serious penalties that pose a safety risk or ongoing retaliatory penalties will **NOT** be tolerated.
- 6) Use facilities in a respectful manner. Facility use is a privilege. Dressing rooms should be maintained in a clean and orderly fashion. Vandalism of any sort is prohibited and subject to disciplinary action.
- 7) **Show COMMITMENT to your team.**
  - a. Understand that **TEAM GOALS** will take precedence over **individual goals**.
  - b. **Praise their Teammates**; and strive for **TEAM GOALS** ahead of their own. Provide constructive comments to the team or Southwest Hockey, which encourages improvement.
- 8) Take responsibility for what they contribute to games and practices; **work hard during games AND practices.**
- 9) **Give FULL attention** to their coaches when they are speaking to the team.
- 10) **DO NOT use alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, drugs or other banned / illegal substances while driving to, or from, or while at a Minor Hockey function.**
- 11) **DO NOT use any cell phones or other similar devices in dressing rooms; except as permitted by Southwest Hockey Association policies.**

**Progressive Consequences**

Southwest Hockey has a strong stance regarding: unacceptable behaviors, conduct unbecoming, verbal and physical abuse of players, coaches, and officials. If anyone is not abiding by these rules, and is exhibiting inappropriate conduct, they can be asked to leave the rink. Disciplinary action will be reviewed and implemented on a case-by-case basis, which may result in suspension(s) or possible expulsion.

Addressing Team Rule violations by the Head Coach must be administered appropriately and in a controlled manner, mindful of the age of the participant, with clear goals of teaching appropriate behavior. Consequences should never be used impulsively or out of anger, or to embarrass / humiliate Participants, or families. The Head Coach can contact the Director and/or the Assistant Director of Coaches for guidance.

**Disciplinary outcomes will follow Game and Conduct Procedures as outlined and approved by the Southwest Hockey Board of Directors. Information regarding this process will be posted to the website.**

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***Hockey is a game OF RESPECT. Hockey is FOR EVERYONE.  
Play for the front of the jersey.  
Represent Yourself, your Team, our Association, and our Game, Respectively.***  
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**By acknowledging this form; the Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) agrees;**

- To abide by these: Expectations Parent Code & Team Rules;
- To review this information with their child(ren) to ensure that the minor participant(s) understand these Team Rules and Expectations;
- That there may be consequences for any member if they are in violation of the Expectations Parent Code & Team Rules.