



SOUTH DELTA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I will:

- Support my child with positive encouragement.
- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, PCAHA, SDMHA and my child's team.
- Abide by the harassment policy of the sport. (BC Hockey 8.01 Harassment & Abuse Policy)
- Respect the dignity of others; verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable and could result in disciplinary action.
- At no time allow individuals who may request sexual favors or use threats of reprisal for rejection to go unreported.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- Consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of their sport. Specifically, parents shall:
 - a. Refrain from public and social media criticism of fellow parents, athletes, coaches or officials.
 - b. Never advocate or condone the use of mind-altering drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.
 - c. Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages when performing volunteer duties or at the ice arena
 - d. Discourage the use of alcohol in conjunction with athletic events or other activities at the playing site.
 - e. Never provide under age participants with alcohol.
 - f. Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language.
- Encourage my child to attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible in a timely manner. Notify the coach/manager ahead of time of absences.
- Respect the facilities and other user groups, either home or away, in which my child is privileged to play.
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers.
- Show respect for the feelings and accept the capabilities of my child, my child's teammates and players on the other team.
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my child and the Association.
- Avoid confusing my child by coaching from the stands.
- Gain an understanding of the **SDMHA 24-hour rule** to deal with team complaints and adhere to it.

- Refrain from expressing my opinion of the players, coaches, officials or team volunteers in front of my own child.
- Refrain from presenting issues, hassling or complaining to Executive members when they are at the rink for the purpose of enjoying their time watching their own kids participate
- Refrain from using foul language towards other parents, coaches, officials or opponents.
- Refrain from yelling at or threatening referees, opposing players or coaches before, during, or after games or practices.
- Refrain from demonstrating frustration or anger after a loss or poor performance.
- Treat members of other sport organizations with respect, both in victory and defeat and encourage all participants to act accordingly. Actively encourage all participants to uphold the rules of their sport and the spirit of such rules.
- Direct comments or criticism at the performance rather than the individual.
- Not physically abuse any other person.
- Refrain from approaching the bench during a game situation unless summoned by a team official.
- Through proper risk management practices ensure that the activity being undertaken by both volunteers and participants is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the individual and educate them as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
- Accept defeat gracefully. Love the game above the prize.
- Attend to volunteer duties, as directed, in a timely manner.

I have read and understand this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the principles contained therein.

By completing your child's registration, parents are agreeing to the SDMHA Parent Code of Conduct. The SDMHA Parent Code of Conduct applies in spirit to all family members.

Breach of this Code of Conduct will be subject to review by the SDMHA Executive and face possible disciplinary action as per the SDMHA Disciplinary Policy & Procedures which can be found on our website.