



Huntsville Amateur Hockey Association

Parent Code of Conduct

Adopted 2009



It is the intention of this compact to promote fair play and respect for all participants within the Huntsville Amateur Hockey Association. It is expected that all parents of all Huntsville Amateur Hockey Association participants read and understand the Parent's Code of Conduct and continue to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Code throughout the year.

1. I will not force my child to participate in hockey. I will try to make it FUN!
2. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
3. 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 make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard.
4. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
5. I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents. I will not be critical of, or embarrass any player, including opposition players.
6. I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that officials are being developed in the same manner as players.
7. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to hockey for my child.
8. I will never yell, taunt, threaten, or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, official, or spectator at any youth hockey activity. I will refrain from the use of abusive or vulgar language, racial, ethnic, or gender-related slurs at any

time at the rink or any youth hockey function. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth hockey games.

9. I will leave the coaching to the coaching staff. I will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans. I will follow the 24 hour rule and not approach the coach or on ice official with a game concern until after 24 hours have passed from game time.
 10. I will emphasize skill development and a serious approach to practices and explain how skill development will benefit my child.
 11. I will attempt to learn about the game of hockey (USA Hockey rules, equipment, levels, skills, etc.) so that I may best support my child's development in the game.
 12. I will not throw objects of any kind on the ice, or lean over and pound on the glass.
 13. I will communicate all and any concerns regarding inappropriate behavior to the Team Manager, Coach, ACE (Association Coaching Education) Coordinator, or local youth hockey association representative.
 14. I will insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment.
 15. I understand the benefits from participating in a team sport, the commitment, the discipline, and the social skills learned and acquired.
 16. I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
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I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by its guidelines at all team and league activities. I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be asked to leave the league activity (such as a game or practice) or I may be asked to withdraw my child from the league.

PRINT NAME: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURES:

PARENT: _____ PARENT: _____

PLAYER'S NAME: _____ TEAM: _____