

## SMHA PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) I agree to support and encourage my child, attend games and cheer for all players, including the opposition.
- 2) I agree to practice good sportsmanship and avoid yelling at my child or any child about their performance prior to during or after the game.
- 3) I agree youth sports are for kids, not adults.
- 4) I agree to bring my child to practices and games on time and contact one of the coaches if my child cannot attend or will be late for a practice or game.
- 5) I agree to be a positive role model for all children by avoiding complaining about or yelling at referees.
- 6) I agree to not coach my child or any other players from the stands. If I have an issue with the coach, I will address it in private after a 24-hour cooling period through my team Manager or the designated team contact as set out by my team.
- 7) I will always remember that I am the adult and should act like one. It is more difficult for a child to deal with an out-of-control parent than for a parent to deal with an out-of-control child.
- 8) I agree to respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to coach a sport for my child.
- 9) I agree to be respectful of all evaluators, zone Executive members, zone volunteers and on-ice coaches during the pre-season evaluation process and I will not contact these people during the evaluation process.
- 10) I agree to be respectful in social media of all parties associated with the sport of minor hockey.

### Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in:

**First violation** - will result in a meeting of the parent(s) with their zone and a written warning from the zone that outlines the ramifications of future violations. The parent(s) involved will also be required to take the online **Respect in Sport for Parents** course at their own expense within 14 days of receipt of written notification of first violation. If not completed within 14 days, a Second Violation will be triggered.

**Second violation** – the parent will be prohibited from attending games and practices and/or any hockey arena for a specified period of time as determined by their zone Board of Directors and/or the SMHA Discipline Committee.

*In any instance where the parent does not adhere to the suspension or prohibition, the Zone Board or SMHA Discipline Committee may suspend or void the registration and release the player to whom the suspended parent is related.*

*The registering parent accepts this policy and undertakes to communicate its contents to any individuals who stand in the place of a parent and/or attends with the registered player.*

**Third violation** - will be a meeting with the SMHA Discipline Committee where appropriate discipline, up to permanent removal of the player to whom the suspended parent is related, will be applied.

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