



PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent/guardian, I recognize that a parent's/guardian's attitude toward sport has a significant influence and impact on my child's experience and long-term enjoyment of the game of ringette. I also recognize that parent/guardian conduct affects the team, the coaches, the officials, the Association and the sport overall. As such, I agree to abide by the following:

1. Allow my child to establish their own goals, relationships and identity, and to play the game for themselves. I promise to provide positive reinforcement as the best way to help my child achieve their goals.
2. Show and encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at games, practices and other sporting events.
3. Remind my child that using social media platforms of any kind to send negative, hurtful and discouraging messages and/or pictures of any player, coach, manager, parent or official is wrong and will not be tolerated by the Association.
4. Encourage my child to always play by the rules of ringette and the policies of the Association and the team, and to teach them to be accountable for their words, decisions and actions.
5. Advocate a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language, and refrain from their use during youth sporting events.
6. Recognize and appreciate the importance of volunteers within the Association, including coaches, managers and Association directors, and to communicate with and provide support for all volunteers.
7. Respect the decisions and judgements of officials and encourage athletes to do the same, and to recognize that officials are learning the game in the same way the players are learning the game.
8. Communicate openly, respectfully and constructively with your child's coach or team staff in the spirit of team effort if there is a concern, recognizing that you may not always agree with the coach. Take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place, giving at least 24 hours of space between the incident and the discussion. If the coach or parent feel the presence of a designated 3rd party is needed, they are to reach out to the Division Coordinator to appoint someone removed of bias. Disrespectful or offensive treatment of any coach or team staff is unacceptable under all circumstances and violations will be dealt with promptly and decisively.

Failure to comply with these standards may result in removal from the rink or further disciplinary actions by the Saskatoon Ringette Association. Please refer to the Policies and Procedures Manual available at www.saskatoonringette.com