

SPMHA PARENT EXPECTATIONS – “CODE OF CONDUCT”

As a parent of a player in SPMHA, you are one of the significant adult representatives of the Association. Your most primary mission is to dedicating your efforts to the advancement of your child’s and yourself in the areas of sportsmanship, life skills, self-confidence and hockey skills. This advancement is to take place in a safe and nurturing environment that you are to ensure is provided and maintained. Your accomplishment of this mission is a cornerstone to our Association.

As a parent of a player in SPMHA, there exist minimum expectations that your Association has of you. These are your responsibilities to carry out and it is necessary for you to fulfill these expectations in order to maintain yours and your child’s membership in SPMHA. Being a member of the Association is a privilege, it is not a right. To maintain your membership and the ability of this Association to provide these opportunities to yourself and other members, you as a parent are expected to:

1. REMEMBER THAT WINNING IS NOT EVERYTHING

- Teaching your child that having fun, improving their life and hockey skills, making friends and doing their very best is more important than winning. If you can instill this in your child as a life lesson, they will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game now or in the future.
- Make your child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly, trying hard, and doing their best.

2. SHOW RESPECT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE GAME

- This includes your child, your child’s team mates, their parents, coaches, manager, opponents, game officials and spectators.
- This means you will not swear, criticize, ridicule, intimidate, lay blame or provide negative comments to any of those mentioned in the preceding point.
- Showing respect means that you will encourage, support, nurture, and take responsibility for your own actions and accept the consequences of inappropriate behaviour (loss of access to Association facilities and or suspension of your child’s playing privileges).

3. TO BE A TEAM PLAYER

- In addition to the preceding you will be committed, punctual, accountable, as well as follow and support team rules and objectives.
- You will ensure your actions support and do not hinder your child as a player in accomplishing his/her player expectations and commitments.
- You will willingly step forward and volunteer to carry out equally your share of the duties necessary to operate the team and Association.
- You will treat all participants in team and Association activities equally in your undertakings. You will promote and ensure an equal opportunity to work, to learn and receive instruction, and an equal consistent application of team and Association rules.
- You will participate and work in conjunction with the team and Association officials per the team and Association objectives.
- You will on an ongoing basis measure your attitude by what you are doing for the team and Association rather than what the team and Association is doing for you.

4. CARE FOR PLAYERS, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

- You will inquire and monitor that adequate safety precautions are taken and that first aid is available for all team related activities both on and off the ice.
- You will ensure your child maintains their equipment and uniforms in good order.
- You will ensure your child follows facility rules and does not harm or deface any property

5. ACT APPROPRIATELY, BOTH ON AND OFF THE ICE

- Remember that your actions both on and off the ice represent other people’s perception of our Association, our members and ultimately our community.
- You are being entrusted to represent your child, the team and your Association properly.
- Repeated failure to maintain and honour that trust will ultimately result in a loss of membership rights and privileges. Remember that you individually are one of the most important role models that your child and his/her fellow players and their parents have to measure their actions and themselves to. The example that you set is the one they will measure and remember you by - Good or Bad.

PARENTS SIGNATURE

DATE