



DIDSBURY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

PARENTS PLEDGE

It is the intention the pledge to promote proper behaviour and respect for all participants within the Association. All parents must sign this pledge before being allowed to participate in hockey and must continue to observe the Principles of Fair Play.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

1. I will always strive to be a Positive role model for my child.
2. I will always show respect and good sportsmanship toward the volunteers, coaches, officials and opponents.
3. I will encourage my child to play hockey in the spirit of the sport
4. I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
5. I will respect officials and coaches in the understanding that their position is not always easy. I will respectfully accept their decisions and will not engage in verbal abuse.
6. I will always encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to violence .
7. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game. I understand that children learn by making mistakes.
8. I understand that in positively reinforcing my child's effort will always create a positive learning atmosphere.
9. I will remember my child learns by example. I will applaud good plays and effort by both my child's team and their opponents.
10. I understand and will abide by the 24 hour rule in regards to discussing concerns involving my child.
11. I understand in the event of injury or illness, which in the opinion of the coach(s), may compromise ones ability to participate, the athlete may be removed from the event.
12. I agree to fully abide by the Parents Code of Conduct; Expectations of Spectators; and Communication with Coaches and Managers as per DMHA Operating Procedures

Parent Name

Parent Signature

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DATE _____

Taken from DMHA Operating Procedures

1. EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- i. Incidents of violence and abuse are on the rise in our hockey rinks. Not with players on the ice, but parents in the stands. In order to establish a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone, parents are expected to follow the team's code of conduct. If you disagree with the teams philosophy, development or coaching techniques, contact the coach or manager in writing, in a professional, Proactive manner. Negative and unfounded rumors towards coaches or players create an air of discomfort for everyone. Be respectful of the referees, coaches, all players, parents and spectators at the rink, never abuse a player or coach physically or verbally. Show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to coach hockey for your child.
- b. EXPECTATIONS OF SPECTATORS
 - i. Remember that participants play hockey for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain you. Remember that the players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards. Respect officials decisions and encourage participants to do the same. Give positive comments that motivate and encourage a continued effort on and off the ice. Do not use bad language or harass players, officials, coaches or other spectators. Refrain from yelling directions to players, coaches or officials.
- c. COMMUNICATION WITH THE COACHES
 - i. Parents shall not approach the coaches before, during or after games or practices for a period of 24 hours to discuss issues about their child. Congratulations and other general remarks are appropriate but DO NOT discuss negative issues when emotions are high. The coaching staff endorses the code of conduct and encourages all parents to utilize the proper procedures when dealing with sensitive issues. All parents, coaches and players are expected to communicate in a positive professional manner. Parents are reminded that it is a coaches job to coach, and his or her decisions are done for the best interest of the team. DRESS CODE is encouraged but remains at the discretion of the coach.
- d. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
 - i. Fighting of any kind will not be tolerated on or off the ice. Any breach of the code of Conduct , abusive language, violent conduct, disrespect of coaches, officials and peers will not be tolerated. The coach will handle such problems with the players/parents directly but if the problem

continues, the coach may request a meeting with the player/parents, team officials and league representative. It is the intention of team officials to find amicable resolutions to all problems that may arise, but some issues may be resolved by disciplinary actions such as suspensions, loss of playing time or removal from the team. Parents that directly interfere with the running of the team or the team's philosophy, or refuse to abide by the teams code of conduct will be considered problematic, and requested to meet with team officials or association executive. Any personal attack verbal or physical on any team official will not be tolerated and the parent or player involved will be removed from the team.