



SOUTH DELTA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the intention of this Code of Conduct to form a contract with the parent/ legal guardian and family of SDMHA player/s that promotes a respectful sports culture and an environment that delivers a safe, enjoyable experience for ALL.

I, the parent, commit to acting with RESPECT for the ideals, policies and rules of the game and cooperating with others to uphold and promote the spirit of the game.

This means I will:

- Respect and adhere to the policies and rules determined by Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, PCAHA, SDMHA and my player's team. In particular, I will follow the SDMHA "24-hour rule" process (located on the SDMHA website) of raising any complaint or issue in writing and refrain from presenting issues, hassling or complaining directly to Executive members, team officials or fellow parents at the rink.
- Respect the rules of the game and the officials, their decisions, judgement and authority. Taking special note of National Playing Rule 11.4 Discrimination adopted in 2021 and understanding that ANY and ALL verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable and could result in disciplinary action.
- Respect ALL participants including but not limited to players, fellow parents, other officials and opponents, both in victory and defeat. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status. Encourage my player/s, their teammates and fellow parents to do the same.
- Respect the facilities, our opponents and other user groups, either home or away, in which my player/s train and play. Encourage my player/s, their teammates and fellow parents to do the same.
- At no time allow individuals who may request sexual favours or use threats of reprisal for the rejection of such requests to go unreported.
- Act as an ambassador for my team, SDMHA and the game by maintaining self-control at all times and consistently displaying high personal standards. Demonstrate and model a positive attitude with a high degree of sportsmanship and with a focus on cooperation.
- **Specifically**, parents shall:
 - a. Show positive support and encouragement for their player/s, other player/s including opponents. Be generous with praise and direct any criticisms/ feedback at the performance rather than the individual.
 - b. Show positive support and respect for the team officials and other volunteers who give their time for the benefit of their player/s. Attend any volunteer duties as directed in a timely manner.
 - c. Encourage their player/s to attend as many practices and games as reasonably possible and to be present before practices and games in a timely manner. Notify the team coach/ manager BEFORE any absences.
 - d. Avoid confusing their player/s by coaching from the stands and refrain from approaching the bench unless summoned by a team official.
 - e. Contribute to a physically, mentally and emotionally safe environment for ALL by refraining from demonstrating frustration or anger or becoming abusive or violent. Such behaviour will not be tolerated, the Police may be involved and SDMHA WILL take disciplinary action.
 - f. Show respect for and accept the skills and abilities of ALL players, team officials, volunteers and on ice officials.

g. Refrain from public criticism (including social media criticism) of ALL players including opponents, team officials, volunteers or on ice officials.

h. Refrain from the use of foul language, insulting, harassing, threatening or otherwise offensive language towards players, fellow parents, coaches and other team officials, on ice officials or opponents.

i. Abstain from the use of tobacco products or vaping while in the presence of players at the rink and discourage their use by athletes

j. Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.

k. Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages when at the rink and/ or performing volunteer duties. Discourage the use of alcohol in conjunction with athletic events or victory celebrations at the playing site. Never provide under age players with alcohol.

FINALLY *always remember, this is a GAME*, that EVERYONE is here for the LOVE of the game, that winning isn't everything and that players play for enjoyment, and work in cooperation with all participants to create a respectful sports culture that delivers an enjoyable and safe experience for ALL.

I have read and understand this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the principles contained therein.

PRINT:

NAME _____

DATE _____

SIGNATURE:

PARENT (S) _____

TEAM _____

Breach of this Code of Conduct will be subject to review by the SDMHA Executive and face possible disciplinary action as per the SDMHA Disciplinary Policy & Procedures which can be found on our website.