



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Ice hockey is a sport ran by volunteers who spend their time and efforts into developing the sport for the sake of players who want to develop, be part of a team and have fun. As a fast physical and competitive sport, the action should always take place on the ice and in the context of the sport rather than being spoilt by a minority off ice. Adults are asked to 'Stop, Think, Respect' and support the players on the ice in a respectful manor. The conduct and behavior of parents is the responsibility of the parent club and registration of players which may be influenced by adult conduct is a sole decision of a club.

- Always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).
- Encourage your child to value the performance and not just results.
- Do not ridicule or shout at a child for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Never condone rule violations or use of prohibited substances.
- Always support the decisions of officials during games.
- Do not use inappropriate language whilst involved in or spectating at club activities.
- Always treat athletes, coaches, club volunteers, officials and parents of yours and other clubs with due respect.
- Maintain a positive relationship with coaches and other club officials.
- Do not interrupt training or games other than in an emergency.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and the club (including any social media and photography guidance)
- Encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Always remember that the involvement in the sport is for your child, not you.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Ensure that your child has the appropriate kit and equipment and is punctual for training and games.
- Inform the person in charge of the training or event if you are going to be late or another person is collecting your child.
- Sign and return all necessary consent forms and paperwork and update club officials if anything changes.
- Ensure that your child's education and emotional and social development are not negatively affected by their involvement in sport.

We expect all parents to follow the behaviours and requests detailed in this code. Any parent breaching the code may be spoken to by the Club Safeguarding Lead with the aim of resolving the problem.

Persistent breaches may result in a parent being asked to wait away from the rink side if appropriate or designate an alternative adult to attend in their place if their attendance is deemed to be prejudicial to the welfare and enjoyment of other young people, parents, or volunteers.

Persistent breaches of the code or breaches which are considered harmful to the wellbeing or safety of your child may, regrettably, result in us asking your child to leave the activity, event, or club, which we would never wish to do.

The EIHA requires all Child Safeguarding concerns to be reported through their Safeguarding structure, and directly to Police or Children's Services where this is deemed necessary.

I agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and I understand what I need to do.	
Player Name (Print)	
Parent Name (Print)	
Parent Signature	
Date	
Manager Name	
Manager Signature	
Date	