

S.C.AAA M.H.A. Codes of Conduct

Code of Conduct for the Organization

The SCAAAMHA Board and its designates will:

- do our best to see that all children are given the same chance to participate, regardless of gender, ability, ethnic background, or race.
- discourage any sport program from becoming primarily an entertainment for spectators
- make sure that all prudent and reasonable, appropriate and
- necessary measures are taken on an ongoing basis to protect the safety of all members wherever SCAAAMHA activities take place, in those programs, and at the hands of SCAAAMHA members or others.
- make sure that age and maturity level of children is considered in program development, rule enforcement, and scheduling.
- remember that play is done for its own sake and make sure that winning is kept in proper perspective
- appropriately and thoroughly screen all those who provide service on behalf of the organization, both before, but especially after they are involved, seeking to have Coaches and Officials who are capable of promoting fair play as well as the development of good technical skills.
- distribute, publicize, promote, and enforce the Codes of Conduct within this organization.

Code of Conduct for Players

As a player, I will:

- make a commitment to my team at all times by attending all practices, games, meetings, special events, and by playing to the best of my ability;
- respect my Coaches at all times. I will remember that my Coaches are providing me with the opportunity to learn and play the game of hockey;
- respect the safety of other players by playing the game within the rules at all times;
- respect the Officials and their decisions at all times;
- accept disciplinary action if I violate the rules or spirit of the game and take responsibility for my actions and behaviours on and off the ice.
- Not verbally or by physical gesture encourage racial or prejudicial remarks to one's own team-mates, those of the opposing team, coaches or other participants.

Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators

As the parent of a player, or as a spectator, I will:

- enrol my child for the pure enjoyment of the game and the opportunity to learn the skills of the sport;
- recognize that at a hockey rink, my child's development is in the hands of volunteers who are giving their time and energy for the sake of all participants;
- respect the decisions of the Coaches, whether at practice, special events, or during a game;
- conduct myself in an adult manner by attending games, practices, special events, and by being positive and encouraging to all players at all times;
- encourage my child to be responsible for their own actions and behaviour and encourage responsibilities to team, officials and coaches as well as the acceptance of consequences.
- never verbally abuse a Coach, Assistant, Manager, Trainer, or Official. I will remember that they have difficult jobs and will not undermine them by contradicting, interfering, or questioning their character, motivation, or judgement in public. I will not engage in or encourage gossip. I will take concerns to the proper SCAAAMHA officials;
- accept that I remain responsible, as a parent, for the safety of my child while he/she is participating in SCAAAMHA activities. I will therefore do my part to protect and enhance the safety of my child and others;
- understand and accept that violation of this Code may result in disciplinary action of some kind.

Code of Conduct for Coaches and Team Personnel

I understand that as a Coach (or Assistant, manager, trainer, team parent, etc.); I am in a position of trust and authority. I will:

- be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations;
- teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, team-mates, Officials, and their opponents;
- remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves;
- remember that participants need a Coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example;
- respect all participants, striving to be a responsible (Coach, Assistant, etc.). I recognize that I am in a position of trust and power, and I will do nothing to take advantage of or abuse it;
- I will do my best to be a competent (Coach, ...), well - prepared and adequately skilled. I will obtain proper training and will attempt to upgrade and improve my skills;

- fulfil my obligations and responsibilities toward the team and the Association, as established by SCAAAMHA, to the best of my abilities; direct comments at an individual's performance and not at the individual; not ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for performing poorly; take reasonable steps to see that equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to my players;
- cooperate with Officials and refrain from public criticism of them or of other Coaches. I will put my concerns in writing and will send them to the proper individual;
- learn the definitions and signs of harassment and abuse, and the process for responding to allegations or disclosures, and comply with working to prevent physical, emotional/verbal, and sexual harassment and abuse;
- communicate with my players and with their parents, regularly throughout the season, so that everyone is clear about the rules and expectations, and so that we have a shared goal for the season
- emphasize the importance of the Player's and Parent's Codes, and hold my team members and their parents accountable for compliance;

recognize and accept that violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary measures being taken against me.