



Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

1. Parents will treat all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents and spectators with respect.
2. Parents must remember that their child plays hockey for their enjoyment, not the parent's.
3. Parents will praise their child for putting forth their best effort during practices and games, not the outcome of their play.
4. Parents will remember that it is the parent's job to love and praise their children and the coaches' job to coach. Parents will remember that the best thing they can say to their child is "I love watching you play hockey".
5. Parents will support their child and their team by:
 - a. Ensuring that team events are attended unless attendance is reasonably impractical
 - b. Respect team rules and protocol as set by the coaching staff
 - c. Offering their time and skill for volunteer opportunities with the team and with SPMHA
6. Parents will remember that children learn by example and will:
 - a. Applaud good plays and performances by both their child's team and their opponents
 - b. Encourage their child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without hostility or violence
 - c. Reinforce for their child that doing one's best is more important than winning
 - d. Never be critical or yell at any player for making a mistake or losing a game
7. Parents will support their child's hockey program by:
 - a. Recognizing that officials are being developed in the same manner as players
 - b. Respecting the volunteers who give their time to hockey for their child
 - c. Never, in verbal or written statements, including electronic form, harass or degrade the efforts of those who provide a hockey program for the community
8. Parents will abide by the Social Media Policy
9. Parents will express any concerns in an appropriate and respectful manner and will abide by the Off-Ice Conduct Policy in making complaints regarding off-ice conduct by a coach, parent, player or spectator.
10. Parents will conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful in any hockey related activity, including off-ice gatherings, or parent-team building events.
11. Parents will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from their child's hockey program and from Sherwood Park Minor Hockey.
12. Parents will support all efforts to ensure that all players are treated fairly within the context of their activities, regardless of sex, gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.