

Rice Lake Youth Hockey Association



Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a parent/guardian in the Rice Lake Hockey Association, I understand that youth hockey is for the benefit of the players and that I play an important role in creating a safe, supportive, and positive environment. I also understand that hockey is a competitive contact sport. As such, I agree to the following:

Respect for All

1. I will encourage my child to treat teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and fans with respect both within and outside of the rink. This also applies to hockey and non-hockey activities such as school, get togethers, etc.
2. I will respect referees' decisions, even when I disagree, and will not argue, yell, or make negative comments during games.
3. I will respect the facilities, locker rooms, equipment, and property of others.

Supportive Behavior

1. I will provide positive encouragement to my child and their teammates, focusing on effort, improvement, and teamwork rather than just winning.
2. I will allow the coaches to coach, the referees to officiate, and the players to play.
3. I will model good sportsmanship and self-control at all times.
4. I will not confuse players by countering the coaches' orders or instructions and only provide positive support to the coaches working with my child.
5. I will respect coaches' decisions as it pertains to ice time and positioning. My player will play where the coach's best judgement determines they will be most helpful to the team.

Communication & Commitment

1. I will communicate appropriately with coaches regarding my child's availability, health, or concerns.
2. I will support my child's commitment to the team by ensuring they arrive on time and prepared for practices and games.
3. I will respect the chain of communication within the association when addressing issues, avoiding public confrontation.
4. In the event I am unhappy with a decision made by one of the coaches, I will agree to not discuss emotional game situations with coaches or RLHA Board Members until a period of 24-hours has passed (24-hour rule). However, I will let coaches and/or board members know if my child is unhappy or has a situation that needs to be addressed immediately.
5. I agree that in the event an issue is not resolved to satisfaction after the 24-hour period, I will follow the grievance policy on the RLHA website to continue working to resolve the issue.

Safety & Well-Being

1. I will ensure my child is properly equipped with all required safety gear and will encourage safe play.
2. I will not pressure my child to play through injury and will support decisions regarding rest and recovery.
3. In the event I suspect my child may have suffered a concussion on ice during a game or practice, I will notify the coach and seek medical clearance before returning my child to play.
4. I will promote a healthy lifestyle.

Reminders

1. Unless authorized by a coach, parents should not be on the players bench or in the locker room prior, during, or after the game unless there is an apparent injury.
 2. Please ensure coaches are aware of medical conditions or injuries that can affect your players performance or safety.
 3. The parents' role is one that should be of support and not criticism. Applaud good effort in both victory and defeat and reinforce positive points of the game.
 4. Try to keep this in perspective – this is supposed to be fun for your children. Place the physical and emotional well-being of the children ahead of your own personal desire to win by remembering the game is for the children and not the adults.
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Consequences for Misconduct

Failure to follow this Code of Conduct may result in any of the following:

- Warnings from coaches or association officials
 - Removal from the rink during practices or games
 - Suspension of spectator privileges
 - Removal of my child from the team or association (for repeated or serious violation(s))
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Acknowledgment

I have read and understand the Youth Hockey Association Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct. I agree to support the values of respect, sportsmanship, safety, and positive participation.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Player Name: _____