## **Code of Conduct Player**

- 1. I will treat my parents, coaches, teammates, opponents, property of others and game officials with the same respect that I would like to be treated.
- 2. I will practice and play to the best of my ability.
- 3. I will be on time (as assigned by my coach) to team events.
- 4. I will recognize hockey as a team sport and will put the interests of the team over my own individual interests.
- 5. I will not criticize another teammate's play.
- 6. I will not criticize referees, coaches or opposing players.
- 7. I will conduct myself in a respectable manner. (Destructive or delinquent behavior, during or after a game or practice, will not be tolerated.)
- 8. I will not attempt to deliberately injure another player(s).
- 9. I will wear my team uniform with pride and treat it with respect.
- 10. I promise to abide by the Zero Tolerance Rule.

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A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) may be assessed whenever a player:

- 1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official
- 2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
- 3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with any official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

## **Code of Conduct Parent/Guardian**

- 1. I will enforce and support the Code of Conduct for players.
- 2. I will refrain from publicly ridiculing or verbally abusing any player from either team. I will not embarrass my child(ren) or others by yelling negative comments at players, coaches or officials.
- 3. I will refrain from publicly ridiculing or verbally abusing any coach or official. (Protests may be filed through the coordinators responsible for the team.)
- 4. I will set a positive example and encourage good sportsmanship at all games; loud, positive cheering, clapping and noise making are encouraged.
- 5. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child and the team ahead of any personal desire to win.
- 6. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- 7. I will help her/him be on time for team events.
- 8. I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all sports events.
- 9. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- 10. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- 11. I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach agrees to the Coaches' Pledge.
- 12. I will read the AHYHA Policies and do everything in my power to assist the AHYHA organization to implement and enforce them.

13. I will attend all parent meetings and watch the presented videos and adhere to the information contained in both.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Code of Ethics.

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## PARENTS/SPECTATORS

On-ice officials may stop play when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game (Zero Tolerance.) The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This in appropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- 1. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time
- 2. Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence
- 3. Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players' bench penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.