

## **SAMHA Parent Code of Conduct**

As mandated by USA hockey and Hockey New Brunswick

### **Scope:**

It is the intent of this policy to:

1. Prevent Abuse, bullying and harassment in the sport environment
2. Engage those parents/guardians, family members, or spectators who do not adhere to safe, sportsmanlike behavior
3. Provide avenue for others to address behaviors of parents/ guardians family members or spectators through a complaint process
4. Address of parents/guardians, family members or spectators in a firm, fair process

### **Directive:**

Any parent/guardian of SAMHA players whose conduct in arena or on social media is deemed to be disruptive and not conducive to the well being of the game. SAMHA will accept and review all complaints brought forward, a complaint against any individual who is considered to have a vested interest in amateur hockey and/or a strong influence on any of its members; for example parents/guardians, family members or spectators to conduct themselves in a fair and responsible manner, and to refrain from comments or behaviors which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist, sexist or any conduct not conducive to the well being of the game or individual, including but not limited to referees, coaches, volunteers, players, parents, spectators or arena staff.

### **Disciplinary action:**

Discipline will take place pending the severity of the complaint and will go first through the Board elected disciplinary commissioner(s). And then brought to the executive board for review and action.

### **USA HOCKEY:**

Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.

- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. Deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game, and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice - it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey - and volunteer

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ as parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledge that I/we have received a copy of the PARENT CODE of CONDUCT and SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES. And by signing this agree to abide by the policy in order for my player(s) to experience hockey in a non hostile environment and to learn the game of hockey and to acquire a life long love of the game and physical activity.

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