



TBL Code of Conduct

Parents:

- No person shall behave in a manner which is offensive or objectionable to a reasonable person.
- No person shall be allowed to blow whistles or make sounds which can be mistaken for those of the game officials.
- No person shall use objectionable or offensive language or gestures.
- No person shall verbally or physically abuse a player, coach or official on the ice, during a game, after a game, in the locker room or in the parking lot.
- The areas behind the goals and the player's benches are to be free of any spectators during games.
- No parent or spectators may set foot on the ice surface, under any circumstance, including injury to his/her own child during a game without the specific permission of one of the game officials.
- No parent or spectator is allowed on the bench or in the bench area unless they are TBL approved and/or a rostered coach.
- No parent or guardian is allowed in the locker room at any time unless authorized by the coach.
- Any person who violates any of the above guidelines may be removed from the rink property and further disciplinary action taken by the TBL Board of Directors.

Players:

- Respect: All players are encouraged to show proper respect and good manners to their teammates, coaches, officials, spectators and opposing teams.
- Sportsmanship: Though ice hockey is a competitive and physical game, players must display good sportsmanship in all practices and games.
- Pride: In wearing the team colors and jersey, all players accept that their deeds and actions reflect upon their team and the association.
- Responsibility: As a member of a team, the individual player should make every effort to attend all team activities and share in their team's success and failure.
- Excessive major penalties, profanity, vulgarity and conduct unbecoming the sport of hockey, malicious behavior or vandalism will not be tolerated. Players so involved may be suspended or expelled by the TBL Board of Directors with no refund of any of their fees.

Coaches:

- Care more about the child than about winning the game.
- Be a positive role model.
- Be consistent, honest, fair and just.
- Encourage all your players to be team players.
- Be a good listener and a good communicator.

Common Sense:

- Applaud good plays, don't dwell on bad plays.
- Kids imitate their parents. If you act like a jerk, your kid probably will too.
- The stands are not a place to shout personal instructions.
- There is more to life than hockey. Encourage your child to participate in other activities.
- Respect the coach's decision and abilities. Don't force your kid to decide whether to listen to you or the coach.
- Stress fair and sensible play. Nobody needs to get hurt because someone is not playing by the rules.
- Stress the long-term importance of practice over the short-term excitement of games.
- Keep things in perspective. The odds of your kid making it in the NHL are pretty slim.
- Stress the importance of the team.
- Never lose sight of the fact that you are a role model.
- Winning probably means more to you than it does your kid.
- Don't yell if your kid makes a mistake. Point out what they do well. Positive reinforcement goes a long way.
- Take time to learn the rules of the game. That way, if you insist on shouting at the ref at least you'll know what you're talking about.
- Remember that coaches and league administrators are volunteers. A "thank you" every once in a while is often reward enough.