



OYHA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Ozaukee Youth Hockey Association sponsors and organizes the youth hockey programs in Ozaukee County. As a youth sports organization, OYHA is committed to fostering a safe and fun environment so that our youth players can learn about sportsmanship and team play, develop their hockey skills and acquire a life-long appreciation of the sport of hockey. OYHA, of course, recognizes and understands the important role that every parent plays in helping us meet the objectives of our programs. As a result, we have developed this Parent's Code of Conduct to emphasize that role and to clarify what is expected from this important part of our organization – the parents.

1. Playing hockey is supposed to be **FUN!** I will encourage my child to enjoy the game and I will not force my child to participate.
2. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence. I agree to do the same.
3. Have a positive attitude, whether you win or lose. I will never yell at my child for making a mistake during a game.
4. Children learn by our good example. I will applaud good plays by both teams, and I will not be critical of or embarrass any players, including opposition players, coaches or officials.
5. Learn the rules of hockey. I should never publicly question a referee's judgment or honesty. I recognize that many of our referees are learning and are being developed in the same way as our players. Referees are human and will make mistakes.
6. Coaching is best left to the coaching staff. I will be supportive of the coaches' decisions, and will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans. I will avoid "coaching from the stands." I will also show respect and appreciation for all of the volunteers who give their time to help provide OYHA's hockey programs.
7. I will never yell at, taunt, threaten or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, official or spectator at any youth hockey activity. I will not use any abusive or vulgar language, racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs at any time at the rink or at any youth hockey function. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth hockey games. I understand that OYHA has a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** with regard to any of the behaviors described above.
8. I will communicate all and any concerns regarding inappropriate behavior to the Coaches Committee or a member of the OYHA Board.

I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct, and agree to follow its guidelines at all OYHA activities. I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be asked to leave the activity (such as a game or practice) or I may be asked to withdraw my child's participation from OYHA's hockey programs. Any player/parent who does not adhere to the Parent Code of Conduct or the Player Code of Conduct (posted on the website) will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension from OYHA without reimbursement.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____