

# Minneapolis Titans Code of Conduct



Parents play a major role when it comes to influencing youth hockey players to display good sportsmanship. Children often see their parents as role models and look to replicate their actions. Below are a list of principles that all people associated with the Minneapolis Titans are expected to follow.

## **It is expected that all Minnesota Hockey parents observe the following principles:**

- Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. I will encourage and support my child's desire to play his/her chosen sport but will not pressure him/her into participating.
- I will remember that the game is fun. I will not taunt or disturb other fans, or embarrass my child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials.
- I will support and promote Fair Play by encouraging my child to play by the rules. I will display good sportsmanship by applauding a good effort by both teams in victory and defeat, and respecting players, coaches, and officials.
- I will remember that "wins" are based on my child's performance, teamwork, and playing within the rules.
- I will recognize the importance of volunteer coaches and will take the time to attend team meetings to get to know my child's coach's philosophy, expectations, and guidelines. I will communicate with my child's coaches and support them.
- I understand that when my child is on the ice, the coaches do the coaching. I will not yell instructions to my child from the sidelines or give my child instructions counter to those of the coach.
- I understand that it is my role to teach my child sportsmanship, how to deal with success and failure, and to support my child's development in the game.
- I will strive to become knowledgeable about the rules of the game and support the official's decisions on and off the ice.
- I understand the importance of skill development. For the lower age groups, I will remember that practices benefit my child more than games and competition.
- I will respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, and officials.
- I will not place unreasonable expectations on my child.

**It is expected that all Minnesota hockey spectators observe the following principles:**

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
- Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
- Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing any items on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials.
- Do not lean over or pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.
- Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety – be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
- Be supportive after the game – win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

**It is expected that all Minnesota hockey players observe the following principles:**

- Play for fun.
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
- Be on time.
- Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, opponents and officials.
- Never argue with an official's decision.
- A player shall not intimidate, harass, or bully another player through words or actions. Such behavior includes: direct physical contact, verbal assaults, social isolation or manipulation, inappropriate texts or social media posts.

I have read and understood the principles stated above that were put forth by Minnesota Hockey. I agree to abide by those principles with the understanding that if I do not follow them I may be asked to leave any practice, game, or event.