



## **Mankato Area Hockey Association PARENT Code of Conduct**

As a parent/guardian of a Mankato Area Hockey Association (MAHA) Player, I understand that:

- It is a privilege, not a right, for my child to play youth hockey with MAHA.
- Sportsmanship and fair play are essential to the sport of hockey and are important skills that our children learn from youth hockey.
- Our children learn from our example, and we as parents need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, team managers, referees, and parents.

Therefore, I agree to the following Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct:

- I will never use abusive behavior towards anyone involved in youth hockey.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers, and referees at every game. This commitment to good sportsmanship includes the use of social media, before, during and after the game. If filming/streaming a game, any commentary shall be in-line with MAHA's Core Values and the Parent Code of Conduct, Responsibilities and Rights.
- I will not create a public display of anger towards coaches, players, and/or spectators in any arena or via e-mail, letter, and/or phone calls to the team.
- I will not use social media to make inappropriate or disrespectful comments or convey disregard towards others.
- I understand that the coach will do their best to provide equal playing time to all, however, it is understood that certain situations could limit this practice and that it is at the discretion of the coach to make those decisions.
- I agree to the 24-hour rule which states "no parent in a fit of frustration or anger over their players playing time, position or coaching will contact the coach in any manner until 24 hours has passed." If there is an immediate safety concern this wait time does not apply.
- I will respect and adhere to all rules and Code of Conduct of MAHA, District 9, Minnesota Hockey, and USA Hockey as well as any facility we are using on behalf of MAHA.
- I will express any concerns I may have to the Hockey Director in a respectful manner.
- I understand that any parent who cannot abide by their rules or violates them will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in this document and the MAHA Handbook.

**Parent Code of Conduct Consequences:**

Failure to comply with the Parent Code of Conduct is detrimental to the team and may be brought forward to the Hockey Director and/or the Grievance Committee by either the team's coach, manager, or a parent on the same team. A meeting with the Hockey Director and/or the Grievance Committee will occur as soon as possible.

If needed, after discussion with the Hockey Director and/or the Grievance Committee, a penalty ranging from a verbal warning up to suspending a parent from all team functions for one week to the duration of the season will be considered. Continual abuse of conduct may result in permanent removal from the Mankato Area Hockey Association.

During the sanction, the parent will not be allowed in any facility during a youth hockey event, regardless if that parent has another child on a different team.