

## Parent Responsibilities

- 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. 24
- 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. Remember, all parents have the opportunity to volunteer, if you choose not to then support those that do.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey – and volunteer.
- Don't compare your child with other players. Be honest with yourself when it comes to your child's capabilities.
- Take care of your financial responsibilities.
- Volunteer