

TYHNC Code of Conduct

Welcome to the Hillsborough Hogs. We're very happy to have your family as part of our organization and want to make sure that everyone supports our expectations and core values. This will be a fun learning experience for players and parents alike, and cooperation and teamwork is vital to our team's success. We feel confident that if everyone is aware of and follows our team guidelines it will be beneficial for all (both as players and people)

Player Code of Conduct Contract

As a player on the Hillsborough Hogs, I will do the following:

School: I will work hard in school and maintain my grades above all else. Hockey comes second to all school work.

Attendance: Ice time is valuable! I will make every effort to attend every practice and every game. I will be dressed and ready prior to each practice and I will arrive early to each game as instructed by my coach. If I know I am going to be late or miss a practice / game, I will ensure the head coach and team manager are notified as soon as possible (via email, text or call) and I will update my status on team software (e.g., SportEngine or TeamSnap).

Be Prepared To Play: I will come to every practice, game and scrimmage prepared to play hard and do my best. I understand that my equipment and its maintenance is my responsibility and I will take care of my equipment and my uniform. I will take care of my body by eating right and getting enough sleep before games and I will be responsible for making sure I am ready to play hockey.

Be Ready to Learn: I will come to every practice and game ready to learn more about hockey. I will accept and forgive my mistakes and the mistakes of my teammates, coaches, referees and officials because I understand that we can all learn from our mistakes.

Focus: I will listen to my coaches throughout all games and all practices. I will not talk, touch pucks, or misbehave while my coach is talking. I acknowledge that if I fool around, I am negatively impacting the whole team's practice or game and further acknowledge that I may be penalized by my coach with reduced ice time.

Maintain a Positive Attitude: I will give my best effort and maintain a positive attitude during all practices and games. I will work hard and be supportive of my team and coaches in all situations. I will display the highest level of sportsmanship towards my team and my opponents, regardless of a game's outcome.

Respect My Teammates: I will treat my teammates respectfully and will encourage them to do their best. I will never "make fun of" or "put-down" a teammate (either verbally, via social media or in any other context). I will respect my goaltender, in particular, and recognize the unique challenges of that position and never solely place a team's result on their performance.

Respect My Coaches: I will listen to my coaches and try to understand what they are trying to teach me. I will ask questions and may share my ideas, but I understand that coaches have final say. I will accept and not complain about position assignments, lines, or shift lengths. I understand that my coaches are volunteering their time for my benefit and for that of my team, the organization, and the sport of hockey.

Respect the Referees: I will acknowledge and follow the decisions of referees. I will not swear, talk back or argue with referees and their calls. If I disagree with the officials or referees, I will exercise self-control and direct my energy to play harder so that I will earn the respect of my teammates, coaches and the other team.

Locker Room and the Rink: I understand that the locker room is for getting dressed, preparing for practices or games and for team meetings. No horse play is allowed in these areas (e.g., yelling, throwing ice, running, playing "street hockey" with balls, tape or other equipment, shoving, wrestling, stick-fighting).

I will not use any electronic devices into the locker room. If I am required to carry a phone or any other communication device, it will remain hidden in my bag. I will place my sticks on the stick rack upon entry, and they will stay there until I exit the locker room for practice or a game. I will make sure that I clean up after myself and my team and not leave a mess of the locker room and rink.

Parent Code of Conduct Contract

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.

As a parent of the Hillsborough Hogs, I agree to the following:

I will treat everyone fairly within the context of his or her role in the activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, race, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.

I understand that when my child is on the ice, the coaches do the coaching. I will not yell instructions or comments to my child from the sidelines.

I will be supportive of all players, coaches, and my organization. I will NOT do any of the following:

- a. Criticize players, coaches, officials, and other parents either publicly or at home in front of my child.
- b. Be intoxicated or under the influence of any illegal drugs while in the presence of any players, coaches or parents.
- c. Use profane, insulting, harassing, or otherwise offensive/derogatory language.

If I know my player will be late or miss a practice/game, I will ensure the head coach and team manager are notified as soon as possible (via email, text, call) and will update on team software (e.g., SportEngine or TeamSnap).

I will communicate promptly and completely with coaches regarding any medical conditions that may affect my child’s ability to safely play hockey.

I will not place unreasonable expectations on my child.

I will treat opponents, parents, coaches and officials with respect both in victory and defeat.

I will respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, and officials. I understand that before each game the coaches will need the undivided attention of the players, and I will step outside the locker room at the request of the coaches before games. I will make sure my child arrives at the rink in plenty of time so not to present an issue in terms of the player being suited up and ready to play.

24-hour rule: I agree that I will not discuss any concerns from a game, practice or coaching decision for 24 hours following the event. I will review the issue with my son/daughter and if I feel it needs to be addressed with coaches, manager or the board of the organization, I communicate in a respectful manner.

Penalties for Breach of Code of Conduct

As a player, if I break any of the agreements above, I agree that the coaches may give me a warning, or I may be benched for a shift or period. I acknowledge that I may be suspended from future games and/or practices depending on the severity of my infraction.

As a parent, if I break any of the agreements above, I agree that the coaches or members of the board may ask me to leave a game or practice. I acknowledge that I may be asked not to attend future games or practices depending on the severity of my behavior.

Player Name (please print)

Parent Name (please print)

Player Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date