

# River Lakes Hockey Parents Code of Conduct & Responsibilities

Parents are the heart and soul of our program and parental involvement is vital to the players, coaches, arenas and the community. We offer the following in the spirit of good community.

## A. Parents Will:

- a. Ensure players are on time to practice/games – ice time is valuable.
- b. Remember and appreciate that our program depends on volunteers, at all levels. Parents will fulfill all volunteer and fundraising requirements outlined in the handbook.
- c. Promptly report any behavior that violates any River Lakes Code of Conduct.
- d. Remember that youth are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment.
- e. Encourage players to abide by the rules of the game.
- f. Teach children that honest effort is as important as winning.
- g. Try to turn defeat into victory by helping your child work towards skill development and sportsmanship.
- h. Recognize the value and importance of our volunteer coaches by finding constructive ways to support them.
- i. Lead by example and hold fellow parents/spectators to this code of conduct.
- j. Use social media appropriately without the use of negative or derogatory remarks associated with players, coaches, officials,, a player's family members or board members.
- k. Behave in such a manner that shall bring positive credit to the River Lake Association and all participants.

## B. Parents Will NOT:

- a. Conduct or question a coach during a game, publicly or for 24 hours following a game.
- b. Publicly question a game official's judgment or honesty.
- c. Use alcohol in excess prior to attending your child's sporting events.
- d. Ridicule or criticize a player – on either team.
- e. Condone physical or verbal abuse of players.
- f. Conduct themselves in a manner that embarrasses the River Lakes Hockey Association.
- g. Be in the locker room during or after a game (unless specifically invited by the coach).

**C. If any parent/guardian is verbally or physically abusive to a coach, game official, or player, the parent can receive up to but not limited to a 2-week suspension, the parent or the child may be suspended from the program, or future discipline may be taken. Parents must respect all officials and their decisions, demonstrate respect, encourage sportsmanship, and maintain self-control at all times. Final decisions will be made by the River Lakes Disciplinary and Grievance committee.**

**Let the players play, let the coaches coach, let the officials officiate, and let the fans cheer enthusiastically.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_