

# NY Icecats Hockey Club

## Code of Conduct (Players & Families)

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Participation in NY Icecats Hockey Club is a privilege. We are committed to creating a positive, respectful, and development-focused environment for all players and families. The following standards apply to both players and parents/guardians.

### Respect & Sportsmanship

1. Treat coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, and all families with respect at all times.
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship—win with humility and lose with dignity.
3. Respect officials and accept their decisions without argument.
4. Maintain a positive environment—no bullying, taunting, criticism, or inappropriate language.

### Effort, Attitude & Development

5. Players are expected to give their best effort, maintain a positive attitude, and support their teammates.
6. Emphasize development, teamwork, and enjoyment of the game—not just winning.
7. Players should be coachable, listen carefully, and work to improve their skills.
8. Parents should support the coaches' decisions regarding player development, roles, and ice time.

### Team Commitment & Communication

9. Be on time and prepared for all games, practices, and team events; communicate in advance when conflicts arise.
10. Support a team-first mindset—prioritize the team over individual goals.
11. Parents should allow coaches to coach; avoid giving instructions from the stands; avoid questioning the coaches in front of their players.
12. Parents who wish to discuss their child's play with a coach following a game are asked to wait at least 24 hours before initiating contact. This allows time for emotions to settle and helps ensure a constructive, respectful conversation.

### Behavior at the Rink

13. Set a positive example through behavior, language, and attitude at all times.
14. Do not criticize players, coaches, or officials during games or practices.
15. Ensure that all interactions—on and off the ice—reflect respect and self-control.

## **Safety & Responsibility**

16. Play the game safely and responsibly—there is no place for fighting or dangerous behavior.
17. Respect all facilities, locker rooms, and property; leave them clean and undamaged.
18. Understand that all participants represent themselves, their families, and the NY Icecats Hockey Club.

## **Accountability**

19. Failure to follow this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including reduced playing time, suspension, or removal from the program.