

Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association

PARENT / GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Youth sports are supposed to be fun – for the children. Actions by parents, fans and coaches, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children. Too many of today's youth are leaving sports activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults. The Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association strongly believes the essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Good Citizenship. As a parent or guardian of a player in the Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association, your actions reflect not only on you, but your child, his/her team and the club.

As a parent in the Oshkosh Youth Hockey Association, you agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines below:

- I will adhere to the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy.
- I understand that the use of foul language towards anyone (coaches, teammates, officials, opponents or spectators) will not be tolerated. I will not engage in any language or actions with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. These acts shall be considered harassment and will result in the immediate discipline and/or removal from the practice, game or event.
- I will not post disparaging comments on social media sites with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate or humiliate any player, coach, official, spectator or the association. The posting of negative, demeaning or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. These acts shall be considered harassment and may result in the immediate discipline and/or removal from the club. As a parent, I understand that I am accountable for the actions of my child on social media sites. I will stress to my child the importance of proper conduct on these sites and provide parental oversight to prevent any type of cyber-bullying by my child.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures. I will maintain self control at games, practices and other club events.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or event.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.

- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. I will demand that my child treat all players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
- I will praise my child for playing hard and competing fairly.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will not complain or become confrontational about penalties and calls made by the officials and I will respect the referees and their decisions at all times.
- I will support the coaches and allow them to do their job by not coaching my child or other players during games and practices. I will not openly question or confront coaches before, during, or after games or practices. I will wait 24 hours to contact the coach with an issue. I will take the time to speak with coaches about any concerns calmly, privately and at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my child or his/her team to win.
- I will inform the coach and Board of any physical disability, illness or injury that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will review the locker room policy with my child so they know the expectations and responsibilities of using the locker room.

I realize that if I violate this Code of Conduct, I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include one or more, but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by head coach or OYHA board
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension
- Parental season suspension
- Parental suspension from all OYHA games, practices and events