



## TYH PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT, version 2.0.0

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(To be reviewed and signed at the beginning of season team meetings by parents as a member of a TYH team, participating in USA Hockey for the current season.)

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sporting events.
- I will not confuse players by contradicting the coach's instructions.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive enjoyable experience for all. If I have a grievance with a coach or official, I will wait 24 hours (cool down period) before approaching them with said grievance.
- I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will insist that my child skate in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will promise to help my child enjoy their youth sports experience by being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.
- I understand that I may be removed from the facility and/or association for failing to abide by the TYH or USA Hockey Zero Tolerance policy.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the younger age levels.
- Know and study the rules of hockey 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 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 and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can and dedicate time as a volunteer!

### SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
- Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans. Enjoy the game together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants, avoid booing opponents.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
- Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing objects on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials.
- Do not lean over and pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.
- Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.

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- Be responsible for your own safety and remain alert to help prevent accidents.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
- Be supportive after the game, win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

### ENFORCEMENT

When parents violate these rules and/or disrupt team activities, the Board of Directors will enforce the Code of Conduct according to the below guidelines.

- First Offense: Coach, Team Representative or Board member will speak with witnesses and discuss with the violator.
- Second Offense: The parent shall appear before the Board of Directors and explain his/her actions.
- Third Offense: The parent shall be suspended from all practices and games for the remainder of the season.

COACHES (To be reviewed and signed at the beginning of season coaches meeting by coaches as a member of a TYH, participating in USA Hockey for the current season.)

### AGREEMENT

I understand and acknowledge that I have read the TYH PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT and agree to the terms.

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Signature

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Date