

Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct

(USA HOCKEY)

- 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 of 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 lower age groups.
- 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 the verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
- Act appropriately; do not taunt, bait, 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 any items on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials. (automatic 3 game suspension of the Child)
- Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety – be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
- 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.
- Consider the 24 hour rule, any input or opinions should be shared with coaches or administrators after a decompression period.

Non compliance with the Code of Conduct

If the game is stopped by game officials for parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior, or interfere with other spectators, or the game or its players, the game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/ spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Violators will be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include but is not limited to:

1. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time. Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
2. Any parent or guardian ejected from the stands will incur a one game suspension for themselves and their Child. Second offense will be 3 game suspension the parent or

guardian and EYHA board review. Third offense will be automatic suspension from the league for parent or guardian and player for the remainder of the season, league reentry for the following season will be at the discretion of the EYHA board.