



Parent Code of Conduct



Parents are expected to conduct themselves according to high standards of social and ethical behavior. This includes showing the utmost respect for players, coaches, referees, and the opposing players and coaches. GBAYHA recognizes that differences of opinion on a range of matters can exist, and parents are encouraged to convey their thoughts and feelings in an adult manner following proper protocol of the association. GBAYHA places a high value on sportsmanship. Parents are expected to lead by example and follow the Core Values of USA Hockey. They shall teach our youth respect for themselves and others, fair play, and teamwork. Parents will agree to teach their players that fighting, swearing or arguing with coaches, officials and other teammates are unacceptable.

Do not force your children to participate in sports but support their desires to play their chosen sports. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun. 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. Deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups. Know and study the rules of the game 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. 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 sport. Communicate with them and support them. If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey – and volunteer.

Parent Disciplinary Matters

Parent Disciplinary Matters Parents will be held to the same expectations as their skater as outlined above. Parents participating in unwanted or unacceptable behavior will be asked to stop and may be asked to leave a hockey game or function. The coaches/team manager should bring any parent behavior issues promptly to the Disciplinary Committee before they are allowed to escalate into larger problems. Depending upon the circumstances or severity of the issue, the committee will investigate the facts and a recommendation for a remedy. Depending upon the nature of the violation and if disputes exist, the alleged violator may be asked or can request to appear before the Committee as part of the investigation. A member's level of cooperation during an investigation may be used in the Committee's ultimate decision. If the association member fails to cooperate during the investigation process, this would be considered immediate cause to issue a penalty of the Committee's choosing. If the Committee decides that an infraction has occurred, penalties may range from written warnings to expulsion from the Association with all disciplinary decisions being final.