

# ARLINGTON HOCKEY CLUB

PARENTS GUIDE 2022 – 2023 SEASON

## **WELCOME TO AHC!**

Welcome to the Arlington Hockey Club! AHC is a non-profit organization that aims to offer a high quality, affordable opportunity for kids to play hockey. We strive to provide age- and skill-appropriate player development and coaching for all participants through our instructional, developmental and travel programs.

We want all participants, parents and children, to have an exceptional experience at AHC! This begins with parents creating a fun and safe environment within the club, at the rink, and at other rinks where we play games. Kids respond to the feedback, attitude, and participation of parents, so it's very important for parents to be positive and supportive of all players.

AHC and all local rinks observe USA Hockey's "No Tolerance Policy" with regards to parents admonishing the referees, coaches or players.

Parents agree to following this policy at AHC registration. If a parent is yelling negative comments, being overly loud or disruptive, they can be asked to leave the rink for the rest of the day.

# USA HOCKEY: PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Support your child's decision to play their chosen sport. Kids play organized sports for their enjoyment—make it fun!
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
   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. Show a positive attitude.
- Emphasize skill development and practice, and how they benefit your young athlete.
   Deemphasize games and competition.
- Know the rules of the game, and support the officials on and off the ice.
- Applaud good efforts and reenforce positive points. Never yell at a child after a game/ practice. Eliminate physical and verbal abuse.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches and how they contribute to your child's development. Volunteer if you can.

#### SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Respect players, coaches, officials and parents.
- Act appropriately; do not taunt other fans.
- Cheer good plays of all participants.
- Do not boo or use profane language.
- 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.

## **ADDITIONAL READING**

"Be All In: Raising Kids for Success in Sports and Life" by C.P. Rapone and K. Keane

"Range" by D. Epstein



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