



Port Stanley Minor Hockey Code of Conduct

Players

- I will play hockey because I want to, not because my parents, friends, siblings, coaches, or others want me to.
- I will play by the rules of the league and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper - fighting or "mouthing off" can spoil the fun for everyone.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will do my best to be a true team player. I will support my teammates, attend games and practices, and arrive on time.
- I will remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving my skills, making friends, and doing my best are most important.
- I will acknowledge all good plays/performance – those of my team and those of my opponents.
- I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

Parents

- I will not force my child to participate in hockey and remember that my child plays hockey for his/her own enjoyment, not mine.
- I will remember that the league is a community-based league operated by volunteers for the benefit of the children of our community. I will respect the democratic process of the league.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that he/she will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performance by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public. If I disagree with a referee's call, I will not approach the referee after a game, but discuss it with a league executive after the "24 hour cool down" period.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's hockey games.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches, scorekeepers, referees and other League officials.
- I will set an example by supporting my child's coaching staff. When issues arise, I will communicate with them after a "24 hour cool down" period; on an individual basis through the team's parent rep. Public comments are not appropriate and will not be tolerated.

Spectators

- I will remember that players participate in hockey for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will respect the official's decisions and encourage others to do the same.
- I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them, there would be no game.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.

Coaches and All League Officials

- I will be responsible in scheduling games and practices, remembering that players and parents have other interests and obligations.
- I will teach my players to play fairly and respect the rules, officials, and opponents.
- I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support, and playing time.
- I will not ridicule or yell at players for performing poorly. I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will make sure that the player's equipment and the league facilities are safe and match the player's ages and abilities.
- I will remember that players need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- I will work in cooperation with league executives for the benefit of Port Stanley Minor Hockey and its members.