

BELLE RIVER DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the intention of the Belle River District Minor Hockey Association (BRDMHA) to offer a hockey program for players, team officials (coaches, trainers, and managers), and parents, which promotes fair play, fun and respect for all, in a co-operative atmosphere. The BRDMHA Board of Directors, coaches and staff and others involved in minor hockey are community volunteers working together to provide a meaningful recreational program for all players enrolled in the BRDMHA.

As a parent, I acknowledge and respect the relationship and commitment my son/daughter makes to be a member of a team. I realize and understand that my son/daughter, as well as I needs to adhere to the mission statement and values of the BRDMHA.

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports and remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the youth and not adults.
2. I will use positive encouragement and support for the athletes and coaches.
3. I will do my best to make hockey FUN for ALL. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition
4. I will embrace healthy and attainable goals for my child's participation that will ensure success in this sport. Developing new skills, learning to get along with others, and dealing with the emotions that come with winning and losing are important goals.
5. I will ensure that my child will attend all games and practices possible and on time. When not possible, I agree to inform the head coach or team manager in advance. We must be committed to the team. I understand that if my child is to improve he/she has to attend practices, not just play the games.
6. I will set an example for my child by honouring the game and will encourage him/her to remember **ROOTS** – respect for the Rules, Opponents, Officials, Teammates and Self.
7. I understand that officials are responsible for ensuring the game is played in a safe and fair manner for all participants. If an official makes a “bad” call against my team, I will honour the game and be silent.

8. I understand that team performance goals take precedence over individual goals and that “wins” are based on my child’s performance, teamwork and playing within the rules.
9. If I wish to respectfully discuss a concern regarding my child or my child’s team, I will wait **24 hours before calling the Parent Liaison / Manager** to discuss my concerns. I understand that the Parent Liaison/Manager will set up a meeting with the coaching staff at a mutually agreeable time.
10. I will respect the dressing rooms, the dressing room hallways, **the player benches, and the surrounding areas** as a private area for players, coaches and officials.
11. I will remember that team staff is not babysitters. Parents are ultimately responsible for the actions of their child while at the rink or any other team function.
12. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, player, and official. I will treat everyone with due respect both in victory and defeat.
13. I will encourage a sports environment for my child that is free from illegal drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and I will refrain from their illegal use at all sport venues.
14. I will not swear, use profanity or make obscene gestures. I will treat all players, coaches, parents, officials and spectators with respect and dignity in language and attitude, behaviour and manners.

The following conduct is subject to disciplinary action.

1. Making malicious physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator;
2. Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator;
3. Going into the locker/dressing room, or dressing room hallway of a team without team officials’ authorization ,or obstructing their access to exit from said locker room, ice, and arenas;
4. Going into the officials’ locker/dressing room or obstructing their access to or exit from said room, ice, and arena;
5. Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms;
6. Going onto the ice surface without authorization;
7. Throwing of any object onto the ice surface, into the player area(s), or at another individual;
8. Pounding or climbing on the glass in a malicious manner;

9. Defacing or damaging property belonging to any individual, team, association, or arena;
10. Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials;
11. Inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviours;
12. Creating and sending an email or hard copy memo that is malicious or defaming in nature regarding any member of the BRDMHA.
13. Any other conduct that is not in compliance with the tenets of the BRDMHA hockey program.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that may include, but not limited to the following:

1. Verbal warning by a representative of the Policy and Conflict Resolution Committee of the BRDMHA
2. Written warning by a representative of the Policy and Conflict Resolution Committee of the BRDMHA
3. Parental game or games suspension
4. Parental seasonal suspension

Note: All disciplinary actions are kept on file by the BRDMHA

I understand that by signing this document I am agreeing to support and promote this Parent Code of Conduct, and the Player Code of Conduct Agreements. Further, my failure to comply with this agreement could result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion of myself and/or my child from all BRDMHA activities.

Print Name (Parent/Guardian)

Print Name (Parent/Guardian)

Signature Date

Signature Date

Players Name

Player's Signature

Team/Level