



SOUTH DELTA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the intention of this Code of Conduct to form a contract with the player that promotes a respectful sports culture and an environment that delivers a safe, enjoyable experience for ALL.

I, the player, commit to acting with RESPECT for self, others and property, to playing by the rules and cooperating with others to uphold and promote the spirit of the game.

This means I have a RESPONSIBILITY to:

1. Respect and adhere to the policies and rules determined by Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, PCAHA, SDMHA and my team.
 2. Respect the rules of the game and ALL participants including but not limited to on ice officials, my teammates, parents, other officials and opponents, both in victory and defeat. In particular show respect for the decisions, judgement and authority of the on ice officials and timekeepers. I will also encourage others to do the same.
 3. Respect the facilities and the other user groups, either home and away, in which my team trains and plays. I will also encourage others to do the same.
 4. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status. Taking special note of National Playing Rule 11.4 Discrimination adopted in 2021 and understanding that ANY and ALL verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable and could result in disciplinary action.
 5. Consistently display high personal standards and maintain self-control at all times. Demonstrate a positive attitude with a high degree of sportsmanship and focus on teamwork. Especially refrain from participating in or condoning any actions involving hazing or inappropriate behaviour that degrades, demeans or segregates players from the team.
 6. Communicate and cooperate with team officials and registered medical practitioners in the diagnoses, treatment and management of any medical or psychological problems. Respect and abide by any decisions made regarding my ability to continue playing or training.
- **Specifically**, players shall:
 - a. Attend as many practices and games as reasonably possible. Be present before practices and games in a timely manner. Notify the team coach/ manager before any absences.
 - b. Follow team training programs, participating in all team testing and program objectives, regularly seeking opportunities to increase development and self-awareness.
 - c. Contribute to a physically, mentally and emotionally safe environment.
 - d. Show respect for and accept the skills and abilities of ALL other athletes, teammates or opponents.
 - e. Refrain from public criticism (including social media criticism) of ALL athletes (my team and opponents), team officials, volunteers or on ice officials.

f. Refrain from the use of foul language, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language towards teammates, parents, coaches and other team officials, on ice officials or opponents.

g. Never advocate for or condone the use of alcohol, mind altering drugs, smoking/ vaping or other banned performance enhancing substances.

FINALLY *always remember, this is a GAME*, that I am here for the LOVE of the game, that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important and that by adhering to the code of conduct I will have fulfilled my part to create a respectful sports culture that delivers an enjoyable and safe experience for ALL.

I have read and understand this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the principles contained therein.

PRINT:

NAME _____

DATE _____

SIGNATURE:

PARENT (S) _____

TEAM _____

Breach of this Code of Conduct will be subject to review by the SDMHA Executive and face possible disciplinary action as per the SDMHA Disciplinary Policy & Procedures which can be found on our website.