

## Parent Code of Conduct

1. Do not force your child to participate in sports, but support their desire to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
2. Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
3. 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.
4. Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. Deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
5. Know and study 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 officials only hurts the game.
6. Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat and 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 the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
7. Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are critical to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them. The period immediately following a game can be an emotional time for players, coaches, and parents. If you wish to voice a concern or complaint to a coach about a particular player or game, you will wait at least [24 hours](#) after that game to address the issue with the coach.
8. Refrain from making derogatory remarks to or about players, coaches, officials, volunteers, board members, the Association, as well as the opposing team's players or coaches on any social networking site (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.). This includes posting of unbecoming footage or pictures taken while at a LIHA event.
9. Follow all local, state, and national guidelines, rules and regulations as they relate to your family's participation in LIHA, along with all temporary situationally imposed mandates from the Association and rinks we skate at.
10. **I understand that if I break the Code of Conduct, I and/or my player will be subject to disciplinary action by the Lincoln Ice Hockey Association. You have my commitment.**