

RICE LAKE HOCKEY MISSION AND CORE VALUES

Welcome to the Rice Lake Hockey Association (RLHA). We are a non-profit youth hockey organization operated by dedicated volunteers. This handbook is designed to familiarize players and parents with our association guidelines and expectations as well as provide some basic hockey information. For further clarification of RLHA policies and procedures, you should contact a board member or attend one of our monthly board meetings. Other pertinent information, as well as numerous other RLHA policies, can be found on our website at www.ricelakehockey.com.

OUR MISSION IS TO:

- Provide a safe, fun and affordable youth hockey experience for all members.
- Instill and support family values guided by respect for oneself and others.
- Educate, understand and respect various levels of competition.
- Develop a healthy philosophy toward winning that focuses on the improvement and mastery of skills, striving to win and giving one's best effort rather than emphasizing the number of victories.
- Teach good sportsmanship; the desire to play fairly and the ability to accept victory humbly and defeat graciously.
- Develop individual and team skills, knowledge of the game and an attitude of team participation, loyalty and responsibility.
- Develop respect for coaches, referees, parents, players and self that promotes discipline, increasing maturity and a good reputation.
- Develop friendships that last a lifetime.

CORE VALUES

The following core values, as adopted by USA Hockey, are our association's guide in their planning, programming and play.

Sportsmanship. Foremost of all values is to learn a sense of fair play, become humble in victory and gracious in defeat. We will foster friendships with teammates and opponents alike.

Respect for the individual. Treat all others as you expect to be treated, including your coach and game officials.

Integrity. We seek to foster honesty and fair play beyond mere strict interpretation of the rules and regulations of the game.

Pursuit of excellence at the individual, team and organizational levels. Each member of the organization, whether player, parent or coach, should seek to perform each aspect of the game to the highest level of his or her ability.

Enjoyment. It is important for the hockey experience to be fun, satisfying and rewarding for all participants.

Loyalty. We aspire to teach loyalty to our sport, our association and our teammates.

Teamwork. We value the strength of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded by success in the hockey experience.

RLHA supports the “Character Counts” initiative, which has been implemented in all Rice Lake School District buildings and instilled in our youth and adults.

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these six pillars of character.