



Highland Park Giants Hockey Association Parent Code of Conduct

Conduct at the Rink

All parents, players and spectators will conduct themselves in an orderly, sportsmanlike and professional manner when attending any Highland Park Giants league game, playoff game, exhibition game, practice or program-related event. Any disorderly conduct seen or reported in the rink, parking lot or other areas, including, but not limited to the following, will not be tolerated:

1. **Parents or spectators going on the ice.**
2. **Parents or spectators going into the referees' locker room or the home or visitors' locker room.**
3. **Physical abuse of players, coaches, referees, trainers or rink officials.**
4. **Verbal abuse of the above participants to the point of obscene, racial, ethnic or sexual slurs.**
5. **Fighting among parents or spectators in the stands.**
6. **Any crowd control problem that results in the police being summoned.**
7. **Any issues not covered above that result in loss of control by a parent, player or spectator.**

Displaying Good Sportsmanship

Parents play a major role when it comes to influencing youth hockey players to display good sportsmanship. Children often see their parents as role models and look to replicate their actions. They are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun for them!

- **Encourage your child to play by the rules.** Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays made by both teams.
- **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.
- **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 eliminating physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- **Recognize the importance of coaches.** They are important to the development of your child and the sport.
- **Learn all you can about hockey** – and volunteer if you enjoy the game.
- **Remember the “24-Hour Rule” and refrain from speaking with any members of the coaching staff for 24 hours after an incident.** If a meeting or conversation with a coach is desired after 24 hours has passed, that communication must be set up through the team's manager.

- **Time Clock/Scorekeeper/Penalty Box Operator** – You are considered a minor official when fulfilling these duties and should not speak to the players or coaches on either team at any time. Between periods is an especially critical time when players must give their full attention to the coaches, so do not distract them.

Parental Responsibility

It is each parent's duty to read and understand these principles. Every parent is expected to abide by these principles with the understanding that not following them may result in the violator being asked to leave the practice, game or event. The Highland Park Giants' Rules and Ethics Committee may also impose additional restrictions and/or punishment for repeat offenders or egregious conduct, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Reservation of Rights

The Board of Directors of the Highland Park Giants Hockey Association reserves the right to, and may, in its sole discretion, amend, modify, discontinue, repeal or terminate all or any portion of this Parent Code of Conduct Policy at any time.

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