

KOHA Parents Code of Conduct

USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior and Senior Councils have instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials, administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey sanctioned events, games, and practices.

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Do not force your children 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.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of 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.
- Emphasize skill development and practice sessions; show how they benefit your player. De-emphasize games and competition in the younger age groups.
- Know the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice. This will help in the development of the sport. Criticism only hurts the game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat; reinforce the positive points of the game. Never yell at or physically abuse your child after a game or practice...it's destructive.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They're important to the development of your child and the sport. Support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about it, and VOLUNTEER!!

SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect player, coaches, and officials.
- Always act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
- Profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive; cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play.
- Throwing any items in the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials; help provide a safe and fun environment.
- Do not lean over or pound on the glass surrounding the ice surface.
- Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety – be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, and officials.
- Be supportive after the game – win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play for fun.
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Learn the rules and play by them.
- Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, your opponents, and your officials.
- Never argue with an official's decision.