



Tampa Bay Jr. Lightning

2018-19 PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Tampa Bay Jr. Lightning association and its players and coaches represent themselves as well as the NHL Lightning and in a larger context, Florida hockey. The Tampa Bay Jr. Lightning association strives to instill:

Good Sportsmanship, Hard Work, Integrity, Respect for Others Professionalism, Respect for the Game

As a parent of a player representing the Tampa Bay Jr. Lightning, you are an integral part of ensuring the success of TBJL. As such, I agree to the following:

1. I will respect the game, and follow all rules and regulations and codes of conducts of USA Hockey and the Tampa Bay Jr. Lightning.
2. I will display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved with the sport. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any opponents, coaches, officials, players, administrators, parents, spectators, the media, or other attendees. This includes verbal or physical threats. Fights, abusive language or abuse aimed at any of the above listed attendees.
3. Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays or both teams.
4. 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.
5. Know and study the 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 the 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. I will refrain from the use of illegal drugs when attending a Tampa Bay Jr. Lightning game, practice and/or function. I understand that if I am under the influence of alcohol or any drugs that I may be asked to leave a TBJL game and/or function. If you will be drinking at a game or practice, you will not interact with the coach.
8. I will wait the prescribed 24 hours before approaching a coach or other TBJL official with a game situation concern or any other issue or concern.
9. I understand that my commitment to the Tampa Bay Jr. Lightning takes priority over any other program and understand that participation and any penalties for violation of the rules is governed by my commitment agreement to the Tampa Bay Jr. Lightning , as well as, USA Hockey and SAHOF rules. In the event of any conflicts, I will notify TBJL management if my child will play in any other tournament team or hockey program.
10. If I am a team manager, I agree to always do what is best for the team. Please understand the roles of Team Managers and do not over-step boundaries.
11. ***TBJL reserves the right to release a player at anytime during the season due to parent/player misconduct that is found to be detrimental to the organization. This is non refundable.***

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Failure to comply with these standards may result in disciplinary actions: including but not limited to:

1. A verbal warning regarding the infraction.
2. A written warning regarding the infraction.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a game, practice or team function for the infraction.
4. Suspension from multiple games, practices or team functions for the infraction.
5. Season suspension/expulsion for the infraction (Non Refundable)

The discipline action shall be at the discretion of the Tampa Bay Jr. Lightning Board or its Designee and the Board reserves the right to bypass any or all of the foregoing steps.

I have read all of the above and hereby agree to follow the rules as outlined or face the consequences as detailed above.

Signatures of both parents and guardians required (if applicable)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____



Social Media

As a parent of a TBJL player. I agree that I will not represent my views or opinions as those of TBJL hockey in any Forum including social media. Social media includes, but is not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Myspace, YouTube, LinkedIn, Snapchat, chat rooms, message boards, group text messages, etc. As such I agree:

1. To protect confidential and proprietary TBJL and player information and to not disclose any such information through social media or otherwise.
2. To be respectful in postings, this includes exercising good judgment before posting materials or statements about TBJL or its opponents which:
 - a. Are or could be considered defamatory, vulgar, obscene, racially, culturally or ethnically offensive, harmful, harassing, inflammatory, intimidating, threatening, hateful, objectionable, discriminatory or abusive:
 - b. May violate any laws, rules or regulations:
 - c. Could incite violence or hostility. This is especially important on public message boards or chat rooms where even a positive comment about TBJL players, coaches or the organization could be seen as inflammatory.
3. To not use any TBJL logos, trademarks, or images in a negative manner on personal social media sights.
4. To not represent my personal views as those of TBJL or its related organizations.
5. To not engage in cyberbullying or other forms of electronic harassment.

Use of Image and Likeness

I understand that my image or likeness and/or the image or likeness of my child may appear in photographs, pictures, or other depictions related to Tampa Bay Jr. Lightning and that these materials may be used to promote the organization. I agree to permit TBJL, or its agent, to use my image and likeness and the image or likeness of my child in connection with TBJL marketing and promotional efforts. I agree not to challenge such use or seek any form or compensation therefore.

If you DO NOT wish for your child's image to be used please check here _____.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

