



## SIoux FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

### PRINCIPLES FOR APPROPRIATE CONDUCT: PARENTS

Being involved in SFYHA demands time and effort on the part of the parents. Parents, in no small measure, help determine the success of the hockey program by understanding the requirements of team participation. Some of the behaviors and redeeming qualities that a parent will demonstrate to help their player, the team, the Association, and the Game are:

1. Places the welfare of the player and their future, personal/professional successes above the outcome of a game.
2. Make sure that your player knows that win or lose, you appreciate the effort made. Offers praises more frequently than criticisms; cheers *for* your own team, never *against* opponents. .
3. Accepts personal disappointment gracefully; doesn't pass it along to the player or team members.
4. Acknowledges your coach(es) for a job well done and discusses any health issues concerning your child with them.
5. Embodies the reality that the coach has the responsibility of an entire team in the locker room and on the ice. Understand, therefore, that the coach is not responsible for the behavior of your child outside of the locker room and ice surface. Activity and behavior of the player at all times is the sole responsibility of the parents.
6. Avoids becoming a chronic complainer and acknowledges that those who do often do not have a solution. If you are of the belief that something systemic is wrong with your player's team, contact your coach or team coordinator. If this does not achieve resolution, discuss your concern with the Director of Hockey.
7. Knows the SFYHA player Code of Conduct and encourages your player and your peers to live within it.
8. It is the responsibility of the parents to inform the coordinator, coach, league manager or the Director of Hockey of any known or alleged violations of the player's Code of Conduct.
9. Mindful of SDAHA Zero Tolerance rules for conduct during competitions, parents will conduct themselves with respect for the officials and opponents at all times and will wait 24 hours after an issue occurs to talk to or communicate in anyway with the coach, team coordinator, DOH, etc. regarding the issue. In addition, parents will not air their grievances on any public forum including but not limited to all social media platforms (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, etc.).
10. Parents are expected to provide their players with the required equipment and assist them in taking proper care of their equipment.
11. Through the registration of their children with the Association, parents are to support the SFYHA philosophy of encouraging players to enjoy hockey as a sport and to have fun.
12. Parents are expected to assist the team where needed. This includes providing essential volunteer manpower during games and SFYHA Tournaments. These include but are not limited to: assisting as minor officials, operating penalty boxes, keeping scorebooks, monitoring locker rooms, selling tickets and maintaining the facility.



13. Parents are asked to pay fees by published deadlines to ensure that their player remains eligible to participate with his or her team. Players with unpaid fees for the current and/or prior season will not be allowed to participate in future SFYHA programs or other USA Hockey-registered teams until all outstanding fees have been paid.
14. Any damages assessed to SFYHA or an SFYHA team at any facility used by these teams will be shared evenly by the parents of all players who were at the facility during that time, unless responsibility can be established.

Should violations of any of the above expectations for conduct be observed:

Parents whose conduct reflects negatively on the team, the SFYHA, or The Game will be referred to the SFYHA Director of Operations (DO) and/or Director of Hockey (DOH). Both Directors have been authorized to administer limited punitive actions in the event parents are found to be in violation of the Code.

If resolution cannot be achieved or the violation is so egregious that it merits further investigation and possible penalty, the DO and/or the DOH will refer the matter to the Board of Directors. The SFYHA Board of Directors reserves the right to ban parents from attending SFYHA games in the event observed behaviors are addressed and not altered for the better.

As parents of SFYHA players, we have read and reviewed the SFYHA Parents Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the code.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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