

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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**Elite Hockey Academy Parent Code of Conduct Contract**

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.

The code of conduct is intended to establish a policy that will return a level of mutual respect to the game. Every parent will be asked to sign and return this prior to your child taking the ice as a member of the Elite Hockey Academy. Failure to abide by the code of conduct will result in a warning. Repeated breach of the code will result in suspension from team events.

**24‐hour rule.**I agree that I will not discuss any concerns from a game, practice or team/school event with any member of the team staff for a period of 24 hours after the game, practice or team event. In addition, I will review the issue with my son and then if I feel it needs to be addressed, I will approach the team manager or coaching staff and respect the process that is in place for the resolution of team issues.

**As a parent.**I acknowledge and respect the relationship and commitment my son/daughter makes to be a member of a team. I realize and understand that my son needs to adhere to the values and goals of their coach and the Elite Hockey Academy in order to learn individual and team skills. As a role model for my son I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will allow the values and goals of the team and the organization to be achieved. The code of conduct has been created to guide parents to achieve a level of mutual respect that will allow all sports participants to enjoy the full benefit of the events.

**PARENTS ACKNOWLEDGE AND WILL FOLLOW AS LISTED BELOW:**

1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of his or her role in the activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, race, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
2. Ensure that comments or constructive criticisms are provided to the team or Association to encourage improvement.
3. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of the team, the association and the sport.
4. Understand that when my child is on the ice, the coaches do the coaching. I will not yell instructions to my child from the sidelines or give my child instructions counter to those of the coach.
5. Recognize the importance of coaches and take the time to attend team meetings to get to know my child’s coach’s philosophy, expectations, and guidelines. I will communicate with my child’s coaches and support them.
6. I will remember that “wins” are based on my child’s performance, team work, and playing within the rules.
7. Support Elite Hockey Academy zero tolerance policies by:
   1. **Not publicly criticizing players, coaches, officials, volunteers and other parents.**
   2. **Not being under the influence of alcohol, or any illegal drug while in the presence of the athletes at events.**
   3. **Not using profane, insulting, harassing, or otherwise offensive/derogatory language."**
8. Communicate promptly and completely with coaching staff regarding diagnosis by registered medical practitioners’ treatment and management of the athlete’s medical problems. Consider the athletes’ future health and wellbeing foremost when making decisions regarding a time frame for return to playing or training.
9. Understand **that team performance goals**take precedence **over individual goals**.
10. I understand the importance of skill development. For the lower age groups, I will remember that practices benefit my child more than games.
11. Treat opponents and officials with due respect both in victory and defeat and encourage athletes to act accordingly.
12. Actively encourage athletes to uphold the rules of their sport and spirit of the rules.
13. I will respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, and officials.
14. I will not place unreasonable expectations on my child.
15. Discuss all concerns with team staff in a responsible, respectful and open‐minded manner.

If a parent has an issue with a coach’s application of a penalty, they shall bring this information to the Parent/Player/Coach representative for their child’s team.