

## **Codes of Conduct**

*The Elmbrook Youth Hockey Association is dedicated to promoting a safe and positive environment for the enjoyment and skill development of ice hockey for its participants. This dedication begins with Elmbrook Youth Hockey's support of the USA Hockey Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy. It continues with an independent code of conduct emphasizing those points necessary for a sportsmanlike and educational environment.*

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### **Players' Code of Conduct (On and Off Ice)**

Respect your coaches, your teammates, your parents, your opponents, the officials and the equipment facilities provided for your enjoyment.

Learn the rules of ice hockey and play by them.

Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline, and then set an example for others to follow.

Never argue with an official's decision. If a call or lack of call is in question, the coach or the team captain will address the official(s).

### **Parents'/Spectators' Code of Conduct**

Encourage your player to know and play by the rules of ice hockey and support the official who enforces them.

Do not yell at players, coaches, officials or other spectators. Set a positive example of sportsmanship for those around you.

Applaud good plays whether winning or losing. Emphasize the positive points of your player's efforts.

Work toward removing physical and verbal abuse in youth sports. Do not condone the poor behavior of others. Consider politely reminding them to show sportsmanship and courtesy.

Support the coaches. They are the keys to the development of your player and the sport.

Reinforce your player's understanding of acceptable conduct.

## Coaches' Code of Conduct (On and Off Ice)

Be a positive role model to your players and fellow coaches. Display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of the players.

Respect your opponent's coaches and players, and the officials.

Be generous with praise when deserved and consistent and fair when critiquing the efforts of all players. Demeaning and abusive criticism/behavior is to be avoided.

Impress upon the players the importance of good health and clean living for their own well being and improved performance.

Player development is the primary consideration in evaluating the success of the season. Transfer your knowledge of the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey to your players.

Maintain an open line of communication with the players' parents and enlist their support to instill proper respect and support for the team's goals.

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It is expected that coaches, players and spectators exercise total cooperation with their respective Code of Conduct at all times.

Unsportsmanlike conduct, on the part of **coaches, players** or **spectators** will not be tolerated and may result, without warning, in expulsion or suspension from the Elmbrook Youth Hockey Association or the Ponds of Brookfield. No individual or team refunds will be given if expulsion or suspension occurs.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to...

- **“Trash Talking”**
- **Bullying**
- **Taunting**
- **Foul language**
- **Verbal abuse**
- **Intimidation**

... of teammates, opponents, spectators, game officials or other Association members.

Any instances of such behavior may be brought to the attention of an Elmbrook Youth Hockey Associate coach or board member. Please see the website for contact information as well as the procedure to report an incident.