

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Flagstaff Youth Hockey Association (“FYHA”) is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. FYHA expects all members and participants of the FYHA to conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of the FYHA which include, but is not limited to, fairness, integrity, good sportsmanship and mutual respect.

The FYHA recognizes that parents of children who participate in athletics play a major role when it comes to influencing their children regarding good sportsmanship, respect and fairness. Children often see their parents as role models, and look to replicate their parent’s actions and behaviors.

Accordingly, it is required that all FYHA parents observe the following principles:

- Place the well-being and safety of their child above the training. Do not force your child to participate in sport, but do support their desire to participate in their chosen sport. Remember, they should skate for their enjoyment, not yours. Make their participation fun.
- Be courteous to all other parents, skaters, coaches, officials, volunteers, rink employees, visitors and everyone affiliated with visiting teams.
- Remember that the game is fun. You will not taunt or disturb other fans, or embarrass your child by yelling, booing, using profane language or gestures at or toward any player, coach or official.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not show disrespect to the coaches, officials, volunteers, and rink employees. If you have an issue with a coach, official, volunteer or rink employee, exercise restraint and control, and do not approach any of them with children present. The use of abusive, threatening and violent behavior and foul or abusive language with a coach, official, volunteer and rink employee is strictly prohibited.
- Never ridicule or humiliate another child for making a mistake, or for what you believe is under performance. Remember, winning is not everything, doing one’s best is.
- Remember that “wins” are based on your child’s performance, teamwork, and playing within the rules.
- Recognize the importance of the volunteer coaches, and all volunteers affiliated with your child’s team and the FYHA overall, and avow to take the time to attend team meetings to get to know your child’s coach’s philosophy, expectations, and guidelines. Communicate with your child’s coaches and support them.
- When your child is on the ice, the coaches do the coaching. Do not coach your child during games and practices unless you are one of the official coaches of the team.
- Understand that it is your role to teach your child sportsmanship, how to deal with success and failure, and to support your child’s development in the game.

- Strive to become knowledgeable about the rules of the game, and support the official's decisions both on and off the ice.
- Understand the importance of skill development. For the lower age groups, remember that practices benefit your child significantly more than games and competition.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, and officials.
- Do not place unreasonable expectations on your child.
- Enjoy your child's participation in the greatest sport on ice!

Conduct Subject to Discipline

Examples of words or actions that may constitute a violation of the Code include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator;
- Taunting, verbally abusing or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator;
- Entering the locker room/dressing room of an opposing team to confront a coach or player, or obstructing their access to or exit from said room or rink;
- Entering the officials' locker room/dressing room to confront them on a matter, or obstructing their access to or exit from said room or arena;
- Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms;
- Going onto the ice surface without permission;
- Throwing any object onto the ice surface, into the player area(s), or at another individual;
- Pounding or climbing on the glass;
- Defacing or damaging any property belonging to any individual, team, association or arena;
- Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials;
- Inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviors;
- Any other conduct that is not conducive to creating and maintaining a safe and fun environment for youth hockey.