

# Hockey New Brunswick

## FAIR PLAY

This document is being prepared to alleviate some of the problems and concerns that are currently occurring within Hockey New Brunswick. This “Fair Play” rule will apply to Competitive AA and below. With the implementation of the “Fair Play” policy we hope to address all the issues and make for a better hockey experience for everyone involved.

1. The purpose of introducing Fair Play into the HNB program is to encourage, foster, develop players and enhance the aspects of SAFETY and RESPECT, on and off the ice by all participants involved. Fair Play encourages all players to be as competitive as possible, but within the rules of the game. Fair Play does NOT take away from winning. It has been shown that Fair Play can enhance winning rather than detract from it.
2. The five basic principles of Fair Play:
  - a. Respect the rules
  - b. Respect the opponents
  - c. Respect the officials and their decisions
  - d. Have everyone participate fairly
  - e. Maintain your self-control at all times

### 3. Respect the Rules

Each participant within HNB will respect the rules of the Association and abide by the rules. Rules and guidelines ensure our game is fair and to educate the kids to ensure a safer and more enjoyable learning experience.

### 4. Respect the Opponents

Your opponents are also players within a minor hockey association. Treating all players the same from both teams is essential for a more productive and safe environment. By cheering for both teams as they make plays will enhance the production of the kids on the ice. Respect for opposition coaching staff is also crucial so any infractions during the game can be resolved with ease.

### 5. Respect the Officials and Their Decisions

Officials for Minor Hockey play a vital part in the success of our season. Officials are young adults, learning the game, as so are the players on the ice. They have to be directed and supervised and learn from their mistakes. Calls made by officials will not be questioned over the ice however any discussions between officials and coaching staff will be taken up at the bench area through the teams Captains and Assistant Captains.

### 6. Have Everyone Participate Fairly

It is important for all players to participate to develop into hockey players. Ice time for kids is important as they will have a greater opportunity to develop to the best of their potential. By having everyone participate it will create a team building experience which will result in the kids learning and progressing to the best of their ability.

### 7. Maintain Your Self Control at All Times

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It is important for coaches, players, executive and parents to maintain their emotions within a hockey environment. Yelling at the referees will not be tolerated and making derogatory comments will create a tense environment. We are the teachers and should act accordingly so our kids can learn from our actions.

## 8. Coaching

Coaches have to be able to coach but within the guidelines laid out in the HNB constitution and Fair Play rules. When teams are participating within their regular season, tournaments, special events and playoffs, coaches will ensure that all players participate the same. By doing this the kids will learn from each other and develop to the best of their ability. There will be no double shifting as it should not be required due to an equitable amount of players on the team. The coaching staff is to brief parents on their plan for the season and what is expected of them so everyone involved is aware of what is going to happen. If any concerns are raised then they should be addressed immediately before they move on. It is important to have team meetings periodically so coaching staff can address any concerns that may linger throughout the team so issues can be dealt with immediately.

## 9. Breaking the Rules

Rules are implemented to make our game a better experience for all involved. They will be followed and anyone breaking the rules as laid out in our constitution and fair play guidelines will be liable to suspension. All constitutional By-Laws and regulations will be followed and the HNB executive will implement this policy to ensure a positive experience for all.

## 10. Contracts

Contracts and guidelines will be provided to all players, coaches and parents involved in Hockey New Brunswick. These contracts will be reviewed by all and signed as being made aware of the "Fair Play" policy within HNB. Failure to comply will result in no on ice activity by players registered. Contracts must be signed by coaches, players & parents prior to commencement of any on ice activity.

## 11. Complaint Intake Form

HNB fair play policy is designed to ensure all aspects of the fair play rules are implemented and followed to ensure a positive experience for all participants within HNB. Anyone within HNB can complete a complaint intake form and submit to the appropriate director who will ensure it is passed to the HNB executive for action. Complaint intake forms can be found on the HNB website [www.hnb.ca](http://www.hnb.ca)