



HASTINGS HOCKEY BOOSTERS

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HASTINGS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Being involved in Hastings Hockey demands time and effort on the part of the players and parents. Parents, in no small part, help determine the success of the hockey season by understanding the responsibility of team participation. The responsibilities and expectations of the HHB Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct include:

FOLLOW HHB CORE VALUES OF:

- **Gratitude**
 - Being thankful with the readiness to return kindness and appreciation both on and off the ice.
- **Respect**
 - Having/Showing high regard for the people, facilities, and other teams in which you encounter and interact with, including yourself.
- **Integrity**
 - Doing the right thing in all circumstances, even if no one is watching you, while being true to yourself.
- **Teamwork**
 - Togetherness in working towards a common goal with your peers, your team and your association.

EXPECTATIONS:

- We will not tolerate offensive, obscene, or profane behavior from our coaches, parents or players. We expect each parent to behave accordingly and set positive examples for the players. Maintain self-control and exemplify good sportsmanship. Agree to abide by the ZERO TOLERANCE and DISCIPLINE Policies set in place by HHB. Remember that you, as well as your team, represent HHB.
- MN Hockey and District 8 have established guidelines for referees to follow for disciplinary action towards players, coaches and spectators. In the event Hastings Hockey is issued a fine from district 8 due to spectator misconduct, those fines may be passed on to the individual/s involved in the incident at the discretion of the Hastings Hockey Board of Directors.
- If a parent's conduct results in the eviction from any rink where HHB is notified by an official, District 8, or officially notified by staff from the event/game HHB will impose additional sanctions. Suspension from HHB events for a period of 14 days for the first offense. Any additional offense will be suspended for the remainder of the year.
- Make sure that your child knows whether win or lose, you appreciate the effort made. Give praise or good constructive criticism. Focus on the play of your player.
- Please consider discussing any concerns or your player's progress with the coach at an appropriate time. Avoid doing so during a game or practice, especially in the presence of other players or parents. According to HHB policy, player/team concerns should be initially addressed with the head coach. If your concern persists after meeting with the coach, feel free to contact the level director. We encourage direct, open, and respectful communication to handle these situations effectively and prevent misunderstandings. Whenever possible, it's best to address such concerns in person or via phone to facilitate a meaningful dialogue that may not always be achieved through email.



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- If a parent becomes frustrated and/or angry with a coach or others on the team, they should adhere to a 24 hour “cooling down” period before addressing the issue.
- Appreciate the fact that the coaches have the responsibility of an entire team in the locker room and on the ice. Activity and behavior of the players at all other times is the sole responsibility of the parents. Should a situation arise that you feel your player should miss a practice or a game because of a behavior or educational reason, the coach will wholeheartedly support that decision.
- Parents, Players and Coaches all represent their team, HHB and Hastings in general. Please be a good representative of your team and our association whether at home or away. Our program will be judged by all who represent it.
- Referees are there to ensure the game is played in accordance with USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey rules. They are not there to “pick on” your child or our team. As with all of us, they will make mistakes. Yelling at a referee does nothing to change their mind on a call or positively affect future calls in a game and could cost your team their fair play point and an unsportsmanlike penalty.
- Each parent is responsible for volunteer time: timekeeper, scorebook keeper, penalty box for home games and scrimmages. The team manager will coordinate these duties, as well as additional jobs that have yet to be determined.
- The Locker Room is designated for players and coaches. Beginning at levels 10U/Squirt, due to privacy of the minor athlete, parents are not to be in the locker room to assist their skater. If your skater requires assistance, they must meet their player outside the locker room or come dressed prior to the event. It is the policy of USA Hockey that all USA Hockey Member Programs must have at least one responsible screened and trained adult (which may include coaches, managers or other volunteers) present at all times and monitoring the locker room during all team events.
- Have fun cheering your player and the team on!!