



## **Manvers Minor Hockey Association Parents/Guardians & Player Code of Conduct**

The main objective of this initiative is to promote the values of fun, respect, fair play and positive development in the game of hockey for our children. We wish to ensure that we promote a respect of the game and the entire hockey experience that it deserves. This initiative will affect all participants, the executive, parents, players and bench staff. It is our intention that with this Code of Conduct and policies you will consider your behaviour at the rink at all times and the effect it can have on all Manvers Minor Hockey members. A necessary part of this initiative will be the enforcement of the Code of Conduct. To further this end, every member will be required to sign a Code of Conduct (Appendix A). Refusal to sign will result in immediate removal from MMHA.

### **General Code of Conduct for all MMHA members:**

1. Members and participants of the MMHA shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the Mission, Vision and Values of the MMHA which include integrity, sportsmanship, honesty, respect, compassion and fairness.
2. During the course of all MMHA activities and events, members shall refrain from any behaviour which brings the MMHA or the sport of hockey into disrepute, including and not limited to:
  - a. Use of abusive language
  - b. Consumption of alcohol/drugs
  - c. Objectionable behaviour
  - d. Comments or behaviour which is disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist
  - e. Behaviour which constitutes harassment or abusive or bullying
3. Every member agrees that any contravention may result in disciplinary action as determined by the executive up to and including suspension or revocation of membership and all associated rights and privileges.

### **Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct**

Every parent/guardian will:

1. Enroll his/her child for the pure enjoyment of the game and the opportunity to learn the skills of the sport.
2. Recognize that at a hockey rink, his/her child's development is in the hands of the volunteers who are giving their time and energy for the sake of all participants.
3. Respect the decision of the coaches, trainers and managers whether at hockey or any special events.
4. Strive to be positive and encouraging to all players at all times.
5. Encourage his/her child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility, profanity, verbal or physical violence.
6. Never verbally abuse a coach, assistant coaches' trainer, and manager, official or executive member. Remember that they have difficult jobs and not undermine them by contradicting, interfering or questioning their character, motivation or judgment in public.
7. Never allow my actions to embarrass the team, bench staff or MMHA.
8. Acknowledge that he/she remains responsible for the safety of their child while they are participating in MMHA activities.
9. Ensures their child understands their role as a player in regards to the Code of Conduct.
10. Will follow the MMHA conflict resolution process when issues or concerns may arise.
11. Accept any suspensions handed out by the coach and/or executive of the inappropriate behaviour of my child or me.



## **Player Code of Conduct**

Every MMHA player agrees that he or she will:

1. Make a commitment to his/her team by attending all practices, games, meetings, special events while playing to the best of their ability.
2. Respect his/her coaches at all times and remember that their coaches are providing the opportunity to learn and play the game of hockey. Players will do this by accepting direction from their coach concerning hockey and show respect by keeping quiet and playing attention when coaches are speaking.
3. Respect his/her team mates and not permit my actions or words on the ice or in the dressing room to embarrass myself, coaches or team.
4. Respect the safety of other players by playing the game within the rules at all times.
5. Respect the officials and their decisions at all times.

## **Resolution Process Objective**

This dispute process guides the handling of all complaints related to the Code of Conduct. MMHA is committed to creating a healthy, fair and efficient environment for resolving conflict. The goal of the MMHA dispute resolution process is to design a process for resolving disputes that is straightforward and easy to follow. All complaints are required to be handled in a timely and efficient manner. In more complex cases where additional time is required, the parties will be notified of the status of the manner including any reason for the delay.

## **Resolution Process**

1. If the complainant has an issue or concern it is imperative that you allow a 24 hour "cooling off period" before bringing your concern forward.
2. If the complainant has an issue or concern that needs to be addressed beyond the 24 hour period, it is encouraged that the complainant first meets the coach and manager.
3. If a resolution cannot be reached that the coach will take the issue to the head coach and the head coach will bring it to the executive. A written and signed complaint will be required from the complainant for the executive.
4. The executive will decide on any actions to be taken, disciplinary action may be necessary. For every disciplinary action, a strike will be given. If an individual receives 3 strikes, they will be asked to leave MMHA. The disciplinary action sanctioned will be determined by the executive will be based on:
  - a. The severity of the complainant
  - b. All the history of pervious complaints about the respondent
  - c. Direction from the OMHA and Tri County if involved
  - d. Direction from local law enforcement body if involved
5. Appeals of any decision by the executive must be in writing and signed. The executive will respond in writing within one week of receipt of the appeal.