



## Parent Code of Conduct & Fair Play Code

Southwest Hockey acknowledges the need to support our volunteers and have a minimum level of expectations in place for the parents / guardians (“Members”) involved in our system. These codes are intended to **return a level of mutual respect to the game**. **EACH** member will be required to acknowledge these codes during registration. If at any point during the season these codes are not followed, the person dismissing the expectations may face repercussions according to SW Hockey Policies & Procedures.

### **Members are acknowledging the following:**

#### **1. 24 Hour Rule – “Cooling off Period”**

- a. I agree that I will NOT discuss any concerns from the game, practice or team event with ANY member of the team for a period of 24-hours following the game, practice or team event. In addition, I will also review the issue(s) with my child before further pursuing any concerns.
- b. Team officials (coaches, managers), are NOT required to deal with an upset parent unless the 24-hour Cooling off Period” has been observed.

#### **2. Bench**

- a. I agree that I will NOT approach the bench during, or at the conclusion of a game, skills or practice session.
- b. If my child is injured – I will await instructions from the Bench Staff.

#### **3. Commitment**

- a. As a member I need to acknowledge and respect the commitment my child made to be a member of their team. I realize and understand that my child needs to strive for the strategies and goals set forth by their team, coaches and SW Hockey in order to grow their individual and team skills.
- b. I also understand the benefits from participating in a team sport, the commitment, discipline and social skills that are learned.
- c. I also acknowledge that these Codes are in place to help guide members to achieve this level of mutual respect that will allow participants to enjoy the full benefits that can be acquired through such team events.

#### **4. Behaviour**

- a. To treat everyone fairly regardless of gender, place of origin, race, religion, political belief or economic status.
- b. Provide constructive comments to the team or SW Hockey that encourages improvement.

### **Members will:**

1. Treat everyone fairly regardless of gender, place of origin, race, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
2. Provide constructive comments to the team or Southwest Hockey, which encourages improvement.
3. Understand that **TEAM GOALS** will take precedence over **individual goals**.
4. Treat opponents and officials with respect; both in victory and defeat and encourage participants to do the same.
5. Display high personal standards and project a positive image of the team, SW Hockey and the sport of hockey.
6. Support Southwest Hockey in the following:
  - a. **To NOT publicly criticize participants, coaches, officials, volunteers or other members.**
  - b. **To NOT be under the influence of alcohol, or any illegal drug while in the presence of participants at games / practices.**
  - c. **To not use profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive/derogatory language.**
7. Communicate promptly and completely to the Coach and Team Manager regarding the diagnosis of a participant's medical and/or psychological problems. Always keep in mind the well-being and future health of the participant when making the decision about a participant's return to play. A doctor's note may also be required.
8. Discuss concerns with your team Coaches and Manager's in a **responsible, respectful** and **open-minded manner**.



## Fair Play Codes

### COACHES

- ✓ I will be reasonable when scheduling games & practices, remembering that players have other interests & obligations.
- ✓ I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- ✓ I will try to ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time.
- ✓ I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- ✓ I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the player's ages & abilities.
- ✓ I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- ✓ I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- ✓ I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.

### PARENTS

- ✓ I will not force my child to participate in hockey.
- ✓ I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- ✓ I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- ✓ I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game.
- ✓ I will help my child feel good about the positives; by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- ✓ I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making mistakes or losing a game.
- ✓ I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performance by both my child's team and their opponents.
- ✓ I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public.
- ✓ I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's hockey games.
- ✓ I will respect and show appreciation for volunteer coaches who give their time to coach hockey for my child.

### PLAYERS

- ✓ I will play hockey because I want to, not just because others or coaches want me to.
- ✓ I will play by the rules of hockey, and in the spirit of the game.
- ✓ I will control my temper – fighting and “mouthing-off” can spoil the activity for everybody.
- ✓ I will respect my opponents.
- ✓ I will do my best to be a true team player.
- ✓ I will remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
- ✓ I will acknowledge all good plays/performance – those of my team and of my opponents.
- ✓ I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

### SPECTATORS

- ✓ I will remember that participants play hockey for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- ✓ I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- ✓ I will respect the officials' decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- ✓ I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- ✓ I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
- ✓ I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- ✓ I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.