



Markham Minor Hockey Association



Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct

The MMHA has a responsibility to maintain discipline and order. We appreciate parents' dedication to their child's fitness and the efforts parents make to expose their children to the sport of hockey. Occasionally parents and coaches may forget that their actions are on display as much as their child's. We ask the parents and guardians of all MMHA members to adhere to the following.

- I will remember that participants play sports for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will do my best to be a good sport at all times.
- I will not condone, permit, defend, or engage in actions, on or off the ice, which are not consistent with good sportsmanship.
- I will encourage my child to do his or her best, have fun and demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- 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 teach my child how to win and lose gracefully.
- I will lead by example.
- I will assist my child to understand and respect the rules of the game.
- I will encourage my child to remember that he or she is part of a team and to work for the good of the team.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will respect the rights and feelings of officials, coaches, trainers, players, volunteers and administrators.
- I will work to support, not undermine, the decisions and efforts of the officials, timekeepers, and conveners and I will encourage participants and other spectators to do the same.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- 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 not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.

Violating this code may result in dismissal from the arena area.