



**McFarland Youth Hockey Association
Parents' Code of Conduct
2007 – 2008 Season**

- Do not force your children to participate in **hockey** sports, but support their desires to play this sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment.
- Make it fun!
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays and effort of both teams.
- Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports. Stress fair and sensible play. Nobody needs to get hurt because someone is not playing by the rules.
- Know and study the rules of the game, and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game. USA Hockey, Dane County and MYHA operates under the "Zero Tolerance Rule," and the officials **will invoke it.**
- The stands are not a place to shout personal instruction to players on the ice, in the penalty box, or on the bench.
- Do not be critical of the hockey program or other players in front of your children. If you have a concern, reasonably approach the coach or the team representative if it is a team issue. Or if you feel that your concerns are not being addressed, please put your concerns in writing and address it to the Coaches Committee or the Board of Directors.
- Emphasize to your player the benefit of skill development and practices and how this will benefit his or her game. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups. Applaud a good effort in victory and in defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game.
- Stress the long-term importance of practice over the short-term excitement of games. Winning probably means more to you than it does to your child.
- Stress the importance of the team/comradery. Rarely does an individual excel in a team sport without gaining benefits from the team.

- Do not embarrass your child or the McFarland Youth Hockey Association organization by verbally abusing/insulting players, coaches, other parents, or officials. By showing a positive attitude towards the game and all of its participants, you and your child will benefit.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child as a skater and of the sport. Communicate with them and support them. Respect the coach's decision and abilities. Don't force your child to decide whether to listen to you or the coach.
- Remember that coaches and team representatives are volunteers. An occasional "thank you" is all the reward they need during the long season.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the game, and volunteer!
- Welcome visiting teams and treat them as you would like to be treated.
- Show interest in the players and ask questions. Congratulate them on their effort and achievements.
- Since you are spending a lot of time with your fellow parents/families, respect and treat others as you would like to be treated. Don't criticize players. Remember never lose sight of the fact you are a role model. Kids imitate their role models, so if you act inappropriately, your child will too.
- Have a great time!

I/we _____, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____ acknowledge that I/we have read the MYHA's Parents' Code Of Conduct and will adhere to it, and if a written concern is brought to the attention of the Board of Directors, subsequent meetings with I/us along with the Board of Directors will occur, whereas we can discuss the occurrence, with an outcome determined with which I/we will abide.

Parent/ Guardian Signature

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