



# Hastings Hockey Association Parent Code of Conduct

2011-2012 Season

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. Minnesota Hockey instituted a Hockey Education Program (HEP) several years ago. This program reinforces the responsibilities of player coaches, officials and parents. These responsibilities include:

- 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.
- If a parent's conduct results in the evictions from any rink, HHB will impose additional sanctions. Suspension from HHB events for a period of 14 days for the first offense. Any additional offense will be suspension for remainder of the year.
- Make sure that your child knows that win or lose you appreciate the effort made. Give praise or good constructive criticism. Focus on the play of your player.
- Discuss your concerns or the progress of your player with the coach at the proper time. The proper time is not during a game or practice, in the company of other players or parents. It is the policy of HHB for player/team concerns to be addressed first with the head coach. If you continue to have a concern after the meeting with the coach, please contact the level director. We believe that direct, open and civil communication is the best way to handle these situations and prevent ill will and rumors. It is preferred that these types of concerns be addressed in person or via the phone to allow for a dialog to occur that can not always be achieved via email.
- If a parent becomes frustrated and/or angry with a coach or others on the team. They should wait 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 reason the coach will whole heartedly support that decision.
- Parents, Players and Coaches all represent their team, HHB and Hastings in general. Please be a good representation of your team and our association whether at home or away. Our program will be judged by all who represent it.
- Adhere to the team fee payment schedule. First half fees will be due to the manager by Dec. 1st and second half fees will be due Jan. 1st. The manager will make every effort to have the amount a month before the due date, should any fees occur after month before it is due the parents will be contacted as soon as possible with the adjusted total.

- 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 HEP point and an unsportsmanlike penalty.
- Each parent is responsible for volunteer time: timekeeper, scorebook keeper, penalty box for home games and scrimmages. The manager will have a sign-up sheet for the home tournament for the same duties, as well has additional jobs that have yet to be determined.
- Have fun cheering your player and the team on!!

I understand and with adhere to each of the items listed above;

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Parent Signature

Date

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