



**Orono Youth Hockey Association  
Code of Conduct -- For Parents  
July 2011**

Few youth sports programs are successful without the support of parents. In the effort to provide a positive athletic environment for our children, coaches, officials and the spectators of Orono hockey, below is the Orono Youth Hockey Associations "Parent Code of Conduct"

As a parent of an Orono youth hockey player I understand the importance of embracing the values of good sportsmanship while demonstrating fairness, respect and self control by supporting all players, coaches, team managers, referees and parents. It is a privilege and not a right for my child to participate in youth hockey.

**I THEREFORE AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- Recognize the importance of volunteer and/or paid coaches. They are important to the development of young athletes and the sport.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, managers and officials. Seek permission from a coach or manager prior to entering.
- Respect the officials and their authority during the games and refrain from questioning, discussing or confronting officials during or immediately after a game.
- Refrain from any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- Refrain from coaching my child or other players during the games and practices unless listed as an official coach on that team's roster.
- Refrain from any public display of anger toward coaches, players and/or spectators in any arena or via e-mail, letter or phone call.
- Follow the 24 hour rule which states "no parent in a fit of frustration over a game issue or coaching will contact the coach in any manner until 24 hours has passed." The specific coach will inform parents at the start of the season how he/she would like parents to directly communicate with him/her.
- Follow proper guidelines and channels while filing a complaint, which are:
  - For intermediate steps, beyond contacting the coach, you can also contact your team manager, the Level Rep, or Coaches Board Chairman to help resolve concerns. They will help determine further necessary communication channels. For escalated situations, they will help you with filling an official grievance with the Booster Board Grievance Board Member and Booster Board President.

I therefore agree to adhere to Orono Youth Hockey rules, Player Code of Conduct (which I have read and have verified my player has read), and guidelines mentioned in this Parent Code of Conduct and understand that a failure to do so may result in disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal or written warning by official, head coach, OYHA Booster Board and/or OYHA Coaches Board
- Parental game or season suspension.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Parent/Guardian Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_