

Milwaukee Winter Club

Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct

The Winter Club is a private non-profit organization which emphasizes the development of basic hockey skills and the promotion of hockey as an enjoyable competitive activity as well as recreation. Our philosophy is to emphasize individual participation and provide relatively equal attention to players during practices and relatively equal playing time in scheduled games, except when an individual member does not participate in scheduled practice sessions, demonstrates attitudes or conduct not conducive to good team morale, displays unsafe or dangerous conduct and/or is being disciplined by the coach.

All players and parents are ambassadors on behalf of the Winter Club and USA Hockey, on and off of the ice. We are all committed to act appropriately at the ice rink, when traveling to tournaments, at hotels, at other rinks, and even in the locker room. It is our mission to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all involved, at all times.

1. Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
2. Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams. Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
3. Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
4. 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.
5. Applaud a good effort in victory and in defeat and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice - it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
6. Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are very important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
7. If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the game, and volunteer!

Parent / Guardian _____
(Print Name)

Parent / Guardian _____
(Signature)

Date _____