



KIMBERLEY MINOR HOCKEY

PARENT / GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Youth sports are supposed to be fun – for the children. Actions by parents, fans, and coaches, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children. Too many of today's youth are leaving sports activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults. Kimberley Minor Hockey strongly believes the essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Good Citizenship.

As a parent or guardian of a player in Kimberley Minor Hockey, your actions reflect not only on you, but your child, his/her team, and the organization.

As a parent or guardian in Kimberley Minor Hockey, you agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines below:

Adherence to Kimberley Minor Hockey's Zero Tolerance Policy: Never be under the influence of or in possession of drugs, alcohol or weapons of any kind at practices, games, or team events.

Adherence to Kimberley Minor Hockey's Avoidance of Foul Language and Harassment: Understand that the use of foul language towards anyone (coaches, teammates, officials, opponents, or spectators) will not be tolerated. Do not engage in any language or actions with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate, or humiliate any player, coach, official, or spectator. This includes not tolerating these acts from any players, coaches, or adults associated with Kimberley Minor Hockey. These acts shall be considered harassment and will result in the immediate removal from the practice, game, or event.

Cell Phones and Other Mobile Recording Devices: Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms.

Responsible Social Media Conduct: Refrain from posting on any social media site with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate, or humiliate any player, coach, official, or spectator. The posting of negative, demeaning, or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. Report any concerning social media content to the organization. Be accountable for your child's actions on social media and ensure proper conduct, preventing cyber-bullying.

Avoid Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Do not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent, such as booing, taunting, or using profane language or gestures. Maintain self-control at games, practices, and other team events.

Positive Role Modeling: Be a positive role model for your child by showing respect and courtesy and demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or event.

Safety and Well-being: Do not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.

Encourage Fair Play and Conflict Resolution: Encourage your child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. Demand that your child treats all players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.

Praise and Avoid Ridicule: Praise your child for playing hard and competing fairly. Never ridicule or yell at your child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.

Respect for Officials: Do not complain or become confrontational about penalties or calls made by the officials and respect the referees and their decisions at all times.

Support for Coaches: Support the coaches by allowing them to do their job without coaching your child or other players during games and practices. Do not openly question or confront coaches before, during, or after games or practices. Address concerns calmly, privately, and at an agreed-upon time and place.

Voluntary Participation: Do not force your child to participate in hockey.

Prioritizing Well-being: Promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire you have for your child or his/her team to win.

Health and Safety Information: Inform the coach of any physical disability, illness, or injury that may affect the safety of your child or the safety of others.

Responsibility for guest behaviour: You are responsible for ensuring that family or friends attending games, practices or other team events adhere to this Code of Conduct.

Realize that if you violate this Code of Conduct, you may be subject to disciplinary action that could include one or more, but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by Head Coach and/or Kimberley Minor Hockey Executive Committee
- Written Warning
- Parental Game suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by Kimberley Minor Hockey Executive Committee.
- Parental Season suspension
- Parental Suspension from all future Kimberley Minor Hockey Games (Home or Away), Practices, and Events

Violations of the Code of Conduct will remain on file for three years from the date of the most recent incident and prior disciplinary action may be used to determine the severity of future disciplinary action.

By signing below, the Parent/Guardian agrees to abide by and be subject to this Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____