



## **Parents & Supporters Code of Conduct 2016/17**

**When I register my child as a member of the Sheffield Ice Hockey Academy, I am signing to say that I understand, and will to the best of my ability, adhere to this code of conduct. I will also, where necessary, explain to my child the code of conduct for players and ensure my child understands what is expected of them.**

- I will avoid forcing my child to participate in this sport and remember that my child is playing for his/her enjoyment not mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to violence. I will always lead by example.
- I will make sure my child is on time for trainings and games, and that they will come wearing the correct club dress code and come equipped with their full kit, water bottle and warm up attire.
- I will not coach my child during the game or training sessions or in the car on the way home etc.
- I will teach my child that although it's fun to win, trying hard and doing one's best is really the "name of the game".
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game. I will always offer constructive advice and assurance that continued effort would make for improved performance next time out.
- I will have realistic expectations for my child. I will acknowledge their limitations if they are new to the game and avoid making unfair comparisons against more experienced players – I will accept that in competitive games they may not always get the same amount of ice time as other players.
- I will make sure I support my child in what he or she feels is important. I will praise the achievements that make my child feel good.
- I will support the coach, and manager. I realise that they are dedicated volunteers who are committed to ensuring the best possible experience for my child.
- I will never question the official's judgement or honesty in public.
- I will be a supportive and fair spectator when attending my child's games and will ensure all my comments and actions are of a non-offensive nature.
- I will discuss playing fair and encourage my child to understand that violence is as unacceptable in professional sports as it is in their own league.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good play by members of both teams.
- I will respect my child and everyone involved in their sport for their efforts and commitment. I will remember that the people who work to support my child in sport are also supporting me.
- I will not shout "at" my child - I will shout for them!!

- I will not post negative comments, or enter into such discussions with others, on social media regarding the club, players, members, or associates.
- I will apply this code of conduct when I visit other clubs, and understand not doing so could result in me being banned from that club's rink.
- I will ensure that any guests I bring into the club or games also follow the code of conduct.
- I understand and appreciate that I will be disciplined by the committee should I fail to adhere to any of the above.

**Ice hockey is a fast and often aggressive sport but there is a big difference between playing and training competitively, and the intimidation and abuse of others. Sheffield Ice Hockey Academy has a policy of ZERO TOLERANCE towards verbal and physical abuse. Any individual found to be involved in verbal or physical abuse may, at the discretion of the disciplinary committee, be suspended or barred from the academy or rink.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Team \_\_\_\_\_