



Parents Code of Conduct Agreement 2007/2008

By the very nature of the game, hockey is physical and aggressive. When a game is as fast paced as hockey, it is sometimes inevitable that tempers will flare and poor judgment will occur. As parents, guardians and coaches it is our responsibility to encourage our children/players to play by the rules. We must remember that children learn best by example. When we show positive attitudes towards the game, other players and coaches as well as referees, our children will benefit.

As a Parent or Guardian I acknowledge the following rules on this Page 1 that form part of this Code of Conduct :

- 1) Participation in the CYO (OSHAWA) HOCKEY is not a right - it is a privilege.
- 2) Physical abuse or, the threat thereof, towards other parents, coaches, officials, members of the CYO Executive or players will not be tolerated.
- 3) Foul language or other forms of verbal abuse or harassment towards other parents, coaches, officials, members of the CYO Executive or players will not be tolerated.
- 4) Respect and adhere to all ideals, policies and rules determined by the CHPA and the CYO (OSHAWA) HOCKEY.
- 5) Ensure that my child's equipment is complete, safe and in good condition.
- 6) Respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions.
- 7) Maintain self control at all times.
- 8) Encourage my child to attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible in a timely manner and to notify the coach ahead of time in regards to absences.
- 9) Respect the facilities either home or away in which my child is privileged to play.
- 10) Remember that both you and your child represent the CYO (OSHAWA) HOCKEY, THE CITY OF OSHAWA, THE CHPA AS WELL AS THE DURHAM REGION and are expected to act in an appropriate manner.
- 11) Show respect for the decision, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers. Players, coaches and referees are all human and they may make mistakes too.
- 12) Show respect for the feelings and abilities of my child, my child's team-mates and the players on the other team.
- 13) Accept the capabilities of my child and other players.
- 14) Refrain from demonstrations of frustration and anger at all times.
- 15) Avoid unnecessary or exaggerated celebration of a goal scored or a game won that would embarrass or demean the opposing team.
- 16) Acknowledge all good plays, both those of your team and the opposition.
- 17) Respect the rules and decisions of the coach which are made for the betterment of the team as a whole.
- 18) Avoid coaching from the stands.
- 19) Refrain from expressing opinions of coaches, players and parents from both my own team and my child's opposition in front of my own child or anyone else's.
- 20) Wait 24 hours as a cool down period before approaching a coach or member of the team staff as well as the executive with a concern or complaint.
- 21) Support the league and my team by voicing any concerns privately and not on public forums.
- 22) Refrain from excessive use of alcohol and tobacco in front of the players.

As a parent or guardian of _____, a participant in CYO (OSHAWA) HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called CYO Hockey, I agree to adhere to the CYO Hockey Parents Code of Conduct as attached hereto as Page 1. I fully understand that Violation of any provisions of this Code of Conduct by any parent, guardian, relative of a participant or coach may result in an immediate suspension or expulsion from attending CYO Hockey events and or arenas for the remainder of the current and subsequent seasons by the offending individual. In severe cases, this suspension or expulsion may include family (including player) suspension or expulsion from CYO Hockey events and or arenas for the remainder of the current and subsequent seasons. In severe cases, matters may be referred for suspension action from the Canadian Hockey Parents Association (CHPA).

At any time, a parent or other spectator may be asked to leave the stands by a member of the executive to ensure that the game is played in a respectful environment.

The following are guidelines for the disciplinary Action that could occur for a violation of the Code of Conduct:

- 1st Offence - Not permitted in the rink side stands for the duration of the game.
- 2nd Offence - Ejection form the arena for the remainder of the season.
- 3rd Offence - Ejection of the offender and their child form the CYO HOCKEY for the remainder of the season and subsequent seasons.

In the event of an alleged violation of this Code of Conduct, the President, Rules Chairperson and V.P. of Parent/Player Concerns will be notified immediately and a hearing will be held as soon as possible. The hearing shall be attended by the V.P. of Parent/Player Concerns and/or the President and/or the Rules Chairperson or a designate from the Executive and at least three other members of the Executive and they shall adjudicate the alleged violation in any manner deemed required after hearing from all involved parties. I further agree that the decision of the Committee is final at the CYO Hockey level. If I wish to have the decision appealed at a higher level, I may do so through the CHPA at a cost of \$150. I acknowledge having read this agreement and irrevocably agree to be bound by it for the duration of the 2007/2008 season. This agreement applies to all CYO HOCKEY affiliated events and teams.

I understand failure to sign this PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT will result in my child not being able to play CYO HOCKEY.

I, _____ acknowledge having read this agreement and irrevocably agree to be bound by it for the duration of the 2007/2008 season. This agreement applies to all CYO HOCKEY affiliated events and teams.

Parent Name: _____

Signed: _____

Dated: _____