



## NEW WESTMINSTER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

### PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

My child is a player with New Westminster Minor Hockey Association ("NWMHA"). I understand that it is the intention of NWMHA to promote fair play and respect for all participants and volunteers associated with NWMHA games, practices, and other activities, including but not limited to parents, players, coaches, team officials, on-ice officials, scorekeepers, timekeepers, division managers, executive members, independent evaluators, professional development coaches, association volunteers, and other participants ("**Participants and Volunteers**").

As in other Canadian minor hockey associations, I understand that all parents must agree to a Code of Conduct in order for their children to participate as registered players with NWMHA. By signing this document, I agree to abide by all of the principles contained in this Code of Conduct Agreement, failing which I understand that I or my child may be subject to disciplinary action by NWMHA.

1. **Parental Responsibilities.** As a parent or guardian of a NWMHA player, I understand and acknowledge that I will:
  - (a) ensure that my child abides by the rules and regulations promulgated by Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association, the policies and procedures of NWMHA, and principals of good sportsmanship.
  - (b) ensure that my child respects and refrains from publicly criticizing Participants and Volunteers at NWMHA games, practices, other NWMHA activities, and otherwise.
  - (c) ensure that my child conducts himself or herself in a manner that minimizes the risk of injury, both to himself or herself and others, and both on and off the ice;
  - (d) ensure my child respects the dignity of others and refrains from making any derogatory comments as to another individual's race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, gender, political belief, economic status, and/or sexual orientation, both on and off the ice.
  - (e) refrain from publicly criticizing Participants and Volunteers at NWMHA games, practices, other NWMHA activities, and otherwise and, where I feel that criticism is warranted, I will offer it in a manner that is respectful, constructive, through proper channels, and away from the rink.
  - (f) respect the dignity of others, and refrain from making comments which are insulting, intimidating, humiliating, hurtful, malicious, degrading, abusive, profane, discriminating, harassing, racist, sexist, or otherwise offensive to Participants and Volunteers at NWMHA games, practices, other NWMHA activities, and otherwise.
  - (g) refrain from expressing any negative opinions to my child in respect of Participants and Volunteers at NWMHA games, practices, other NWMHA activities, and otherwise;
  - (h) familiarize myself with, and abide by, the policies and procedures of NWMHA;
  - (i) report breaches of this Code of Conduct, the rules and regulations of Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association, and the policies and procedures of NWMHA, to the executive of NWMHA in a timely manner; and
  - (j) abide by the rules, regulations, and decisions as set by the executive of NWMHA.

2. **Fair Play Code.** I further understand and acknowledge that in order for my child to participate in hockey with NWMHA, I pledge to do the following:

- (a) I will not force my child to participate in hockey;
- (b) I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not mine;
- (c) I will encourage my child to play by the rules and resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence;
- (d) I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game;
- (e) I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and playing their best;
- (f) I will never ridicule or yell at my child, another player, or referee for making a mistake or losing a game;
- (g) I will remember that children learn by example;
- (h) I will applaud good plays and performances by both my child's team and their opponents;
- (i) I will never question a referee's judgment or honesty in public, and recognize that referees are often children developing in the same manner as players;
- (j) I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from hockey games; and
- (k) I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches, team officials, executives, timekeepers, scorekeepers, division managers, independent evaluators, professional development coaches, and other NWMHA volunteers who give their time to hockey for my child.

3. **Failure to Abide by Code of Conduct.** I understand and acknowledge that in the event I or my child (as applicable) fail to abide by the requirements in Section 1 or 2 above, I and/or my child will be subject to disciplinary action by the executive of NWMHA, including but not limited to suspension, expulsion, and preclusion from attending any NWMHA games, practices, or other activities. I also understand and acknowledge that in the event I or one of my guests is ejected from a NWMHA event for any reason whatsoever, I, the applicable guest, and my child will be suspended and subject to expulsion and preclusion from attending any future NWMHA games, practices, and other activities at the discretion of the executive of NWMHA.

4. **Signature.** By signing below, I acknowledge that I have carefully read this Code of Conduct Agreement and agree with all of its contents.

PRINT NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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