



Woolwich Minor Hockey Association – www.woolwichminorhockey.ca

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PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will remember that my youth and all players participate for their fun and enjoyment, not mine and I will show respect for my teams' opponents, because without them, there would be no game.
- I will not speak negatively about players, coaches and coaching staff, officials, other parents/guardians or spectators. I will not use inappropriate language, nor will I engage in harassment of any kind towards players, coaches, officials, spectators or executives/staff of the Woolwich Minor Hockey Association.
- I acknowledge that I have an opinion and that I am free to express this opinion with the coaches and coaching staff, using the proper process. I also understand that the coaches and coaching staff are under no obligation to act on my opinion. I will practice and encourage open communication with the coaches and coaching staff. I will bring concerns forward and adhere to a 24 hour cool down period before addressing a contentious point or an issue I am emotional towards. I will respect the coach's decisions and not interfere with or undermine the coaches or coaching staff.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of my youth and all players ahead of any personal desire to win. I believe that the safety of the participants in the game is more important than the final score.
- I value the volunteer time and contribution of the coach and coaching staff in developing the players' talents and character on and off the ice, even though I may not always agree with their methods.
- I understand that players, coaches and officials are learning and constantly developing their understanding of the game, and will be respectful when mistakes are made in this process.
- I will not coach my youth from the stands and I will remember that the locker room is where the coach and coaching staff prepares the team for games and practices and not a place for me to hang out or give instruction.
- I understand that officials do not make the hockey rules they only apply them. I understand that officials are responsible to ensure that the game is played in a safe and fair manner for all participants. I will respect the officials' decisions and I will encourage all players to do the same.
- I may not cheer for the opposition team, but I will also not cheer against them or verbally abuse them.
- I understand that children learn from adults, and my behaviour reflects what I want children to learn. I acknowledge that engaging in inappropriate or disrespectful behaviour harms my youth the most, his teammates and all participants and their enjoyment of the game.
- I will remember that youth learn by example and I will applaud good plays and performances by both teams
- I will make every reasonable effort to have my youth attend all scheduled practices and games, arrive on time and I will contact the team manager or coach if my youth is unable to attend for any reason. I will inform the coach of any ailment that may affect the safety of my youth or the safety of others and I will not permit my youth to compete when it is hazardous to their health or without complete and safe equipment.
- I agree to abide by the WMHA Dispute Resolution Process and acknowledge the right of the WMHA to strictly enforce this process and any resulting disciplinary actions.

I agree to abide by the principles of this CODE as set and supported by the Woolwich Minor Hockey Association.
I also agree to abide by the rules, regulations and decisions as set for the Woolwich Minor Hockey Association.

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