



Port Moody Amateur Hockey Association Parent Code of Conduct

Sport provides many great moments that parents and children can share and enjoy. Sports should be part of the educational process for the children. Therefore, all children should have the right to learn and participate in a positive and enjoyable environment.

Many children dream of playing like their favorite sports star. It's up to parents to nurture those dreams and to help their child's sport experience be fun, safe and valuable. In years to come, your child should be able to look back on his/her sport involvement as a wonderful experience in their childhood. You, as parents, have a part to play in your child's positive sport experience. The following code of conduct was developed by the BCAHA to assist parents in understanding the conduct that is expected of you when watching or cheering for your child.

PARENTS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO:

1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of his or her activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
2. Encourage your child to play sports, but don't pressure.
3. Understand what your child wants from sports and provide a supportive atmosphere for achieving his/her goals.
4. Teach cooperation, teamwork, and how to follow rules.
5. Attend games whenever possible.
6. Emphasize fun and enjoyment.
7. Keep winning in perspective, and help your child do the same.
8. Help your child meet responsibilities to the team and the coaches.
9. Teach your child to recognize sexual, physical, and verbal abuse.
10. Trust the care of the player to the coaches at the practices and games. Respect the coaches' decision, direction and philosophy.
11. Speak out when you perceive something is wrong.
12. Supply the coach with information regarding any allergies or medical conditions your child has. Make sure your child takes any necessary medications to the games and practices.
13. Show respect and appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for your child.

PARENTS MUST:

1. Never verbally or physically abuse a child after a game for poor performance.
2. Never come to the ice rink intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.
3. Never use bad language, harass athletes, coaches, referees, game officials or other spectators.
4. Never yell or criticize any child's performance from the stands.
5. Never get caught up in the heat of the moment.