

Rivals Championship: Parent/Spectator

Code of Conduct

Mission Statement: The primary goals of our ball hockey program are skill development, teamwork, competition and fun. As parents and guardians, your behavior sets the tone for the players' experience. This contract ensures that all participants can enjoy the game in a safe and supportive environment.

1. Zero Tolerance for Referee Abuse

Officials are an essential part of the game. Many are young or learning, and all are human.

- **I will** respect the officials' decisions, even when I disagree with them.
- **I will not** yell at, mock, or gesture aggressively toward referees from the sidelines.
- **I understand** that verbal harassment of an official may result in immediate ejection from the facility and further league sanctions.

2. Standards for Player Interaction

Youth athletes are here to learn and build confidence.

- **I will** cheer for all players on both teams and celebrate good plays regardless of the score.
- **I will not** criticize, shout instructions, or use demeaning language toward any player (including my own child).
- **I will** refrain from using profanity or making comments regarding a player's weight, race, gender, or skill level.

3. Professionalism Toward Coaches

Coaches volunteer their time to mentor your children.

- **I will** allow the coach to do their job during games and practices without interference.
- **I will not** confront a coach on the rink, in the parking lot, or via heated emails/texts immediately following a game.
- **The 24-Hour Rule:** I agree to wait 24 hours after a game before contacting a coach to discuss playing time or strategy, ensuring a calm and productive conversation.

4. Respect Among Parents and Spectators

The atmosphere in the stands affects the atmosphere on the floor.

- **I will** treat all other parents and spectators with courtesy.
- **I will not** engage in "trash talk" or physical confrontations with parents of the opposing team.
- **I will** be an active bystander; if I see another adult acting inappropriately, I will encourage them to calm down or report it to league officials rather than escalating the conflict.

Agreement & Consequences

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the rules of this Code of Conduct. I understand that violations may result in the following tiered disciplinary actions:

1. **Warning:** A formal verbal or written warning.
2. **Suspension:** Temporary ban from attending games/practices for a set duration.
3. **Expulsion:** Permanent removal of the parent (and potentially the player) from the league without a refund.