

OXFORD JUNIOR STARS ICE HOCKEY CLUB

Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct

When I register my child as a member of the Oxford Junior Stars Ice Hockey Club, I am signing to say that I understand, and will to the best of my ability, adhere to this Code of Conduct.

I will also ensure that I explain to my child, and remind them when appropriate, the Code of Conduct for players and ensure my child understands what is expected of them.

- I will avoid forcing my child to participate in this sport and remember that my child is playing for his/her enjoyment not mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to violence. I will always lead by example.
- I will not coach my child during the game or training sessions or in the car on the way home - leave that to the team coaches.
- I will teach my child that although it's fun to win, trying hard and doing their best is really the "name of the game".
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game. I will always offer constructive advice and assurance that continued effort would make for improved performance next time out.
- I will have realistic expectations for my child. I will acknowledge their limitations if they are new to the game and avoid making unfair comparisons against more experienced players – I will accept that in competitive games they may not always get the same amount of ice time as other players.
- I will make sure I support my child in what he or she feels is important. I will praise the achievements that make my child feel good.
- I will support the Coach. I realise that they are dedicated volunteers who are committed to ensuring the best possible experience for my child.
- I will never question the Official's judgement or honesty in public.
- I will be a supportive and fair spectator when attending my child's games.
- I will discuss playing fair and encourage my child to understand that violence is as unacceptable in professional sports as it is in their own league.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good play by members of both teams.
- I will respect my child and everyone involved in their sport for their efforts and commitment. I will remember that the people who work to support my child in sport are also supporting me.
- I will not shout "at" my child – I will shout for them!!

Ice Hockey is a fast and often aggressive sport but there is a big difference between playing and training competitively, and the intimidation and abuse of others. Oxford Junior Stars Ice Hockey Club has a policy of ZERO TOLERANCE towards verbal and physical abuse. Any individual found to be involved in the verbal or physical abuse of another club member may, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee, be suspended from the Club.