



Respect the Game: Code of Conduct for Coaches, Parents, and Fans

Minor hockey is about development, teamwork, and enjoyment of the game—for players, coaches, officials, and families alike. Creating a safe, respectful, and positive arena environment is a shared responsibility.

To ensure the best possible experience for everyone involved, we remind all **coaches, team staff, parents, and fans** that the following Code of Conduct applies at all games, practices, and events.

Our Commitment

We are committed to:

- Sportsmanship and fair play
- Respect for players, officials, volunteers, and opponents
- A positive environment where young athletes can learn and grow

Coaches and Team Staff Are Expected To

- Lead by example with professionalism and respect
- Teach the rules and spirit of the game
- Communicate positively with players and officials
- Never use abusive language or gestures
- Place player development, safety, and enjoyment above winning

Parents & Guardians Are Expected To

- Support all players, not just your own child
- Encourage effort, improvement, and teamwork
- Allow coaches to coach and officials to officiate
- Address concerns respectfully and at appropriate times
- Refrain from coaching from the stands



Fans & Spectators Are Expected To

- Cheer positively and respectfully
- Never criticize or verbally abuse players, coaches, or officials
- Avoid profanity, taunting, or discriminatory language
- Remember that officials are human and learning, just like players
- Create an atmosphere where children feel safe and supported

Zero Tolerance

Any form of:

- Harassment or intimidation
- Verbal or physical abuse
- Discriminatory or threatening behavior

may result in **removal from the arena**, disciplinary action, or further consequences as deemed appropriate by Mooretown Minor Hockey Association Disciplinary Committee.

Remember

- These are **kids playing a game**
- Officials and coaches are often **volunteers**
- Your behavior directly impacts the experience of young athletes

Let's work together to make our arenas places of **respect, learning, and fun.**

Thank you for supporting minor hockey the right way.

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