



**San Diego District Hockey League
Codes of Conduct**

General Code of Conduct:

Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and fans. In becoming a member of this organization, an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the organization and its participants. The essential elements in this Code of Conduct are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to themselves, their team and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our organization can continue to earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to our sport and community.

The following essential elements of the Code of Conduct must be followed:

1. Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
2. The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
3. The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
4. Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
5. Coaches, players, parents and spectators are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect for officials and reinforce that respect to players/teammates.
6. Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the organization should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants.
7. Spectators involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.
8. Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game, must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, previous level of participation, team transfers, etc, have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety.

Player Code of Conduct:

Players will respect their coaches at practices and games. Talking back, inappropriate language and not following directions will not be tolerated. Players will be supportive of their teammates. Negative comments to, or about, other teammates has a detrimental effect on team performance and will not be tolerated. Violence or fighting will result in immediate suspension and/or permanent dismissal from the league.

Conduct

- No swearing or abusive language on the bench, rink, or at any team function.
- Hitting the glass, stick-slammng, throwing equipment, etc. is unacceptable behavior.
- Never argue with an official's decision.
- Fighting will not be tolerated and will result in suspensions.
- Recognize the value and importance of teamwork and being a team player.

Ethics

- I will play in any position assigned to me by my coach and will do my best for my team.
- I will treat my coach, officials, and players with respect at all times and expect the same from them.
- I will attend every practice and game that is reasonably possible and notify my coach if I cannot attend.
- I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I deserve to have fun during my experience and will alert coaches and/or parents if it stops being fun.
- I deserve to play in an alcohol, tobacco, and drug free environment and expect adults to respect that wish.
- I will not deface any property, building, or equipment on the premises. This includes staying out of unauthorized locations within the facility.

Parent Code of Conduct:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will not force my child to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sports.
5. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
6. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
7. I will not use foul language.
8. I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice – it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
9. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
10. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
11. I will abide by the 24 hour rule: I will take time to “cool off” after game so that the game and any issues can be objectively discussed. For this reason, I will not discuss with the coach, by any means, including emails, text messaging or phone calls, for a twenty-four hour period after any game.

Coach Code of Conduct:

The League is very appreciative of the time, effort and dedication its coaches contribute to the program. All coaches are representatives of their respective school as well as the league. To ensure that all league coaches perceive their position and responsibilities in the same manner, the following code of conduct and responsibilities have been developed:

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All League coaches shall:

- Refrain from engaging in any activities or conduct which are, or may be viewed as being, detrimental to any player, team, school or district or the league;
- Conduct themselves in a positive and sportsmanlike manner at all times; and
- Strive to provide a safe and positive environment at all times and promote fair play and sportsmanship among all players, coaches, referees and parents.
- The Following behavior by league coaches shall not be tolerated:
 - Any type of physical, verbal or sexual abuse of a player;
 - Verbal or physical confrontations with other coaches, players, referees, parents or spectators; and
 - Excessive use of profanity.

Responsibilities:

- All league coaches shall adhere to certification requirements established by the league.
- Coaches shall make efforts to continually develop their coaching skills and to learn new drills and coaching methods.
- Coaches shall conduct organized practice sessions for their team during the season.
- Coaches shall ensure that their players wear any and all equipment required by the league for all practices and games.
- Coaches shall stay abreast of all rules, policies and procedures implemented by the league and shall maintain an open line of communication with team parents and officials to ensure that they are kept informed of any and all rules, policies and procedures so implemented that may affect them.

Officials Code of Conduct:

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All League referees shall:

- Refrain from engaging in any activities or conduct which are, or may be viewed as being, detrimental to any player, team, school or the league;
- Conduct themselves in a positive and sportsmanlike manner at all times; and
- Strive to provide a safe and positive environment at all times and promote fair play and sportsmanship among all players, coaches, referees and parents.
- The Following behavior by league referees shall not be tolerated:
 - Any type of physical, verbal or sexual abuse of a player;
 - Verbal or physical confrontations with other coaches, players, referees, parents or spectators; and
 - Excessive use of profanity.

Responsibilities

- All league referees shall maintain proper certification as required by the league;
- Referees shall be responsible for attending all league games which they are scheduled to officiate;
- Referees officiating league games shall conduct periodic equipment checks before and during games to ensure all players are wearing the appropriate and required protective equipment; and
- Referees shall stay abreast of all rules, policies and procedures implemented by the league.