

GREATER NEW HAVEN SHORELINE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Parent Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." While we have focused much of our attention on insuring that our coaches are well trained to meet the challenges of today's youth sports environment; we also recognize that our efforts are diminished without the support of an equally important member of our TEAM which is you, the parents. As parents and coaches, we are responsible for demonstrating these principles to our young athletes by example; thus providing them with an environment within which they can develop their skills and, above all else, have fun!

Therefore as a TEAM:

1. **We** will remember that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. **We** will be positive role models and not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct. We will demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, referees and fellow spectators at every game and practice.
3. **We will** never ridicule or yell at our children or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
4. **We** will teach our children that doing one's best is more important than winning and will make our children feel like winners every time.
5. **We** will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the rink, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
6. **We** will refrain from coaching our children or other players during games and practices, unless we are one of the official coaches of the team or, have been requested by the coaches to participate.
7. **We** will remain off the ice, (which includes the team benches) to allow the coaches and players the space to maintain focus on the game.

Respect for these simple guidelines will help insure that our youth will have **fun** while developing both as athletes and responsible members of our community. If you'd like more information on developing your TEAM skills please visit the following websites:

- USA Hockey @ www.usahockey.com
- The National Youth Sports Safety Foundation @ www.nyssf.org
- The National Alliance for Youth Sports @ www.navs.org
- Safer Child, Inc. @ www.saferchild.com

I have read the above guidelines and agree to do my part, as a parent, to insure all Greater New Haven Shoreline Youth Hockey participants enjoy a fun and developmental experience.

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