

Junior FireAnts Parents Partnership Policy

PARENTS POLICY

The role that parents play in the life of a hockey player has a tremendous impact on their overall hockey experience. With this in mind, the Junior FireAnts are providing the following reminders for all of us as we approach an exciting time in your child's development as a hockey player. If you should have any questions about this policy, please feel free to discuss your questions or concerns with the Junior FireAnts coaching staff.

- Let the coaches coach: Leave the coaching to the coaches. You have entrusted the development of your young player to the coaches and they need to be free to do their job.
- Please avoid giving coaching instructions or criticizing your child. You may be contradicting the instructions provided by the coaching staff. Be your child's best fan: Support your child, and help your child to fulfill their commitment and obligation to the development program.
- Understand and display appropriate behavior at all Junior FireAnts practices and games. Parents should avoid confrontations with opponents, the opponent's parents and referees, in order to teach sportsmanship to the kids.
- Support and root for the members of the program: Help to foster teamwork. A unified team is a successful team, and your support means a lot to these young players.
- Do not bribe or offer incentives: Your job is not to motivate. Leave this task to the coaching staff.
- Encourage your child to speak with the coaches: If your child is having difficulties in practice or games, encourage your child to speak directly with the coaching staff. This "responsibility" is a big part in a player's development. By handling these issues directly, your child is taking ownership in all aspects of their experience.
- Keep hockey in its proper perspective: Hockey is not larger than life, but rather an opportunity to watch your child grow as an individual player and teammate.
- Have Fun!!!! We will try to challenge your child at practice and during games.

