

Eastern Shore Hockey Association

Mission Statement and Codes of Conduct

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ALL PLAYERS WILL BE GIVEN:

- the opportunity to learn the game of hockey;
- the opportunity to play the game of hockey;
- a safe environment in which to play the game of hockey;
- instruction on proper techniques and skill development;
- examples of good sportsmanship;
- the opportunity to experience the joy of victory and the acceptance of defeat; and
- the opportunity to have fun playing the game they love.

Coaches Code of Conduct

ALL COACHES WILL:

- treat all players equally and with respect, and at no time verbally, physically, or mentally abuse a player or use foul language towards them;
- treat all officials and other coaches with respect;
- help each player develop their skills to their fullest potential in a positive manner realizing that all children are individuals with different ability levels which must be considered when learning to play;
- provide a safe environment in which to play hockey;
- exemplify good sportsmanship at all times;
- remember that winning is a consideration but not everything, especially at the expense of physically or emotionally hurting a player;
- communicate freely with other team coaches;
- inform players and parents about skills clinics and tournament play in a timely manner;
- remember that hockey is a TEAM sport; and
- REMEMBER IT'S JUST A GAME.

Players' Code of Conduct

ALL PLAYERS WILL:

- treat all players, coaches, and officials with RESPECT;
- practice good sportsmanship at all times on and off the ice;
- remember that hockey is a team sport and not an individual effort;
- remember that profanity, temper tantrums, angry emotional outbursts, destruction of property, intention to harm or harming other players, coaches, or officials will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with this rule will result in suspension from ESHA/CBHL;
- do as their coaches tell them and remember that they are a player and not a coach;
- not argue with the officials or coaches;
- be responsible for their own equipment - parents are paying, not playing;

- always play to the best of their ability and be supportive of their individual teammates, as well as their team as a whole; and
- have respect for the other team. They too are learning. REMEMBER, IT'S JUST A GAME.

Parents' Code of Conduct

ALL PARENTS WILL:

- not criticize the officials or coaches unless they are ready, willing, and able to assume their duties and do a better job;
- set an example of good sportsmanship for their child;
- remember that only six team members can be on the ice at any one time;
- not be critical unless willing to put forth the effort to correct the subject of their criticism;
- remember that all coaches, assistants, managers, and board members are VOLUNTEER WORKERS;
- remember that, like you, all ESHA volunteers have families, jobs, and other commitments;
- offer their services for volunteer work whenever possible throughout the year. All children benefit from fund raisers which help to defray costs;
- be supportive of your child, attend the games and CHEER THEM ON;
- REMEMBER THAT COACHES ARE NOT BABYSITTERS. You are ultimately responsible for the actions of your child while they are at the rink or any other team function;
- be punctual and aware of starting and ending of practice times. Free time leads to mischief and trouble;
- conduct themselves as intelligent, civilized human beings;
- encourage your child to follow these expectations;
- REMEMBER, if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.
- remember that these are children are LEARNING to play a sport that they may grow to love or already do love. DO NOT SAY OR DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD HURT, DEGRADE, OR INSULT ANY PLAYER. IF YOU DO, DO NOT BE SUPRISED IF YOU ARE ASKED TO LEAVE.
- REMEMBER, IT'S JUST A GAME.

THESE RULES APPLY TO EVERYONE, AND NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. Please go over these rules with your child and have all parties sign in the appropriate places. Return the form to your child's coach at your next tryout. Children will NOT be allowed to skate without a completed form.