

Mississauga Hockey League and City of Mississauga Codes of Conduct.

All members of the Mississauga Hockey League MUST accept the following codes of conduct in order to register in the MHL. Indicate your acceptance or rejection at the bottom of this page. A hard copy of this document must be signed and returned to the MHL through your Association (if on-line registration is completed by your Association Registrar). Participants who register on-line themselves need not complete this hardcopy.

Each Association in the Mississauga Hockey League is required to provide, in writing the Association, League, and/or City of Mississauga Codes of Conduct in whatever format it deems appropriate. These Codes will be made available to each player and parent prior to or at the time he signs a Registration Certificate. The player and parent must be afforded an opportunity to review the Codes of Conduct before a Registration Certificate is signed. For any Association that utilizes an electronic, on-line method of registration, it will be acceptable for the Codes of Conduct to be made available for download in an electronic format subject to the on-line registration program providing the player and parent with a mandatory check box to be completed stating that he has read and understood the Codes of Conduct prior to completing the registration process.

Please find below the MHL and City of Mississauga Codes of Conduct. All registered members of the Mississauga Hockey League must read and acknowledge understanding (and compliance with the codes during MHL and Association activities).

CODES as listed below:

- MHL CODE of CONDUCT
- PARENT CODE of CONDUCT - CITY of MISSISSAUGA
- PLAYER CODE of CONDUCT - CITY of MISSISSAUGA
- COACH'S CODE of CONDUCT - CITY of MISSISSAUGA
- SPECTATOR CODE of CONDUCT - CITY of MISSISSAUGA
- GAME OFFICIAL CODE of CONDUCT - CITY of MISSISSAUGA
- LEAGUE ORGANIZER CODE of CONDUCT - CITY of MISSISSAUGA

Members under sixteen (16) years of age must have a guardian co-sign the acknowledgement. Members are required to communicate the Codes of Conduct to family members who may attend MHL activities for the respective player.

MHL CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code for Conduct identifies the standard of behaviour that is expected of all Mississauga Hockey League ("MHL") members and participants, which for the purpose of this policy shall include all players, parents, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, committee members, convenors, team managers, trainers, administrators and employees involved in MHL activities and events.

The MHL is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Members and participants of the MHL shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of the MHL, which include fairness, integrity and mutual respect.

During the course of all MHL activities and events, members shall avoid behaviour which brings the MHL or the sport of hockey into disrepute, including but not limited to abusive use of alcohol, use of non-medically prescribed drugs and use of alcohol by minors.

MHL members and participants shall at all times adhere to the MHL's operational policies and procedures, rules and regulations governing MHL events and activities, and rules and regulations governing any competitions in which the member participates on behalf of the MHL.

Members and participants of the MHL shall not engage in any activity or behaviour that interferes with a com-

petition or with any player or team's preparation for a competition, or which endangers the safety of others.

Members of the MHL shall refrain from comments or behaviour that is disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, behaviour which constitutes harassment or abuse will not be tolerated, and will be dealt with under the MHL's Harassment Policy.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Discipline Policy of the MHL. Such action may result in the member losing the privileges that come with membership in the MHL, including the opportunity to participate in MHL activities and events, both present and future.

CITY OF MISSISSAUGA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- 2) I will remember that my child plays sports for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- 3) I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 4) I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
- 5) I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- 6) I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making mistakes or losing a game.
- 7) I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- 8) I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public.
- 9) I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sport.
- 10) I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to coach a sport for my child.

CITY OF MISSISSAUGA PLAYERS - CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) I will play sports because I want to, not just because others or coaches want me to.
- 2) I will play by the rules of sports, and in the spirit of the game.
- 3) I will control my temper fighting and mouthing off can spoil the activity for everybody.
- 4) I will respect my opponents.
- 5) I will do my best to be a true team player.
- 6) I will remember that winning isn't everything that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
- 7) I will acknowledge all good plays/performance those of my team and my opponents.
- 8) I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

CITY OF MISSISSAUGA COACHES - CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations.
- 2) I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- 3) I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time.
- 4) I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- 5) I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players ages and abilities.
- 6) I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- 7) I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- 8) I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.

CITY OF MISSISSAUGA SPECTATORS - CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) I will remember that participants play sports for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- 2) I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.

- 3) I will respect the officials' decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- 4) I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- 5) I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
- 6) I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- 7) I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.

CITY OF MISSISSAUGA GAME OFFICIALS - CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) I will make sure that every player has a reasonable opportunity to perform to the best of his or her ability, within the limits of the rules.
- 2) I will avoid or put an end to any situation that threatens the safety of the players.
- 3) I will maintain a healthy atmosphere and environment for competition.
- 4) I will not permit the intimidation of any player either by word or by action. I will not tolerate unacceptable conduct toward myself, other officials, players or spectators.
- 5) I will be consistent and objective in calling all infractions, regardless of my personal feelings toward a team or individual player.
- 6) I will handle all conflicts firmly but with dignity.
- 7) I accept my role as a teacher and role model for fair play, especially with young participants.
- 8) I will be open to discussion and contact with the players before and after the game.
- 9) I will remain open to constructive criticism and show respect and consideration for different points of view.
- 10) I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my officiating skills.
- 11) I will work in cooperation with coaches for the benefit of the game.

CITY OF MISSISSAUGA LEAGUE ORGANIZERS - CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) I will do my best to see that all players are given the same chance to participate, regardless of gender, ability, ethnic background or race.
- 2) I will absolutely discourage any sport program from becoming primarily an entertainment for the spectators.
- 3) I will make sure that all equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.
- 4) I will make sure that the age and maturing level of the participants are considered in program development, rule enforcement and scheduling.
- 5) I will remember that play is done for its own sake and make sure that winning is kept in proper perspective.
- 6) I will distribute the fair play codes to spectators, coaches, athletes, officials, parents and media.
- 7) I will make sure that coaches and officials are capable of promoting fair play as well as the development of good technical skills and I will encourage them to become certified.

I have read and acknowledge understanding of the Mississauga Hockey League and City of Mississauga Codes of Conduct. I will comply with the requirements of the codes or be subject to the possible sanctioning involved with violation therein.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE