

MONTREAL WEST/HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CODE OF CONDUCT 2016-17

The “Code of Conduct” places an emphasis on respect: Respect the game; Respect the rules; Respect the opponents; Respect the Coaches, Officials, Parents, Executives, Players, Arena Staff, Volunteers and their decisions; Respect the facility; Maintain self-control at all times.

The following are guidelines that are expected to be followed:

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

I will:

- Respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible.
- Be present before games and practices in a timely manner.
- Notify the coach/manager ahead of time if I will be absent.
- Respect the facilities, either home or away.
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my team and the Association.
- Refrain from using foul language towards teammates, coaches, officials or opponents.
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers.
- Show respect for the players on the other team.
- Accept the capabilities of other players.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I will:

- Support my child with positive encouragement.
- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Encourage my child to attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible in a timely manner. Notify the coach/manager ahead of time of absences.
- Respect the facilities, either home or away.
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers.
- Show respect for my child, my child’s teammates and players on the other team.
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my child and the Association.
- Avoid confusing my child by coaching from the stands.
- Utilize the 24 hour rule to deal with team complaints and adhere to it.
- Refrain from expressing my opinion of the coaches or players in front of my own child.
- Refrain from using foul language towards other parents, coaches, officials or opponents.
- Refrain from yelling at or threatening referees, opposing players or coaches before, during, or after games or practices.
- Refrain from demonstrating frustration or anger after a loss or poor performance.
- Refrain from approaching the bench during a game situation unless summoned by a coach.

If a player or parent does not follow the guidelines, the coach will arrange for a meeting.

If there is no change in the disruptive behavior after two weeks, the coach will request a meeting with the level convener and/or hockey committee to discuss the issue.

Following the meeting with the coach and/or convener, the player or parent has two more weeks to change the behaviors in question or the player be removed or the parent be asked not to attend practices or games.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All players are expected to be on the ice for all of their team practices/games. We do realize that players get sick, families go away on vacation, and schools may organize trips, so it may be difficult to have 100% attendance, but, we expect players/families to notify the coaches well in advance, if they are not able to attend a practice/game.

If a player repeatedly misses practices/games (four or more), the coaches have been advised to discuss this issue directly with the player/family to correct the problem. If this action does not solve the absenteeism problem, coaches may bench players during games. After repeated attempts to correct the problem with no success, the coach will contact the Convener for that level and/or the Hockey Committee. If after this, players/families are not able to fulfill the commitment to attend practices/games regularly, further action may be taken.