



## Acadia Minor Hockey Association Code of Conduct



Acadia Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) dedicates itself to the advancement of minor hockey for all individuals by ensuring meaningful opportunities and enjoyable experiences in a safe, inclusive, diverse, and respectful environment.

AMHA has adopted a Code of Conduct that all AMHA board members, team officials, players and parents/guardians are expected to follow. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to maintain a fun, pleasurable experience for all who attend any function related to AMHA.

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in a member losing the privileges that come with membership in Acadia Minor Hockey Association including the opportunity to participate in AMHA activities.

The AMHA Code of Conduct places an emphasis on respect:

- Respect the game
- Respect the rules
- Respect opponents
- Respect Coaches, Officials, Parents, Executives, Players, Arena Staff, Volunteers and their decisions
- Respect the facilities you are privileged to practice and play within
- Respect and embrace diversity and inclusion; hockey is a sport for all

The following are guidelines that are expected to be followed:

### **AMHA BOARD MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT**

I will:

- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Nova Scotia, and AMHA
- Work with officials, coaches, parents, and other executive members to provide a positive and safe experience for all participants
- Support programs that train and educate players, coaches, parents, officials and volunteers
- Promote and publicize AMHA programs
- Communicate with parents by being available to answer questions and address problems throughout the season
- Treat all players, coaches, and other volunteers with fairness, respect and embrace diversity as well as promote fair play and sportsmanship
- Recruit volunteers, including coaches, who demonstrate qualities conducive to being role models to the youth in our sport
- Perform my duties impartially, in furtherance of the aims of Acadia Minor Hockey Association and will not use my position or influence to further purely personal objectives

## AMHA PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

I will:

- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Nova Scotia, AMHA and my team
- Adhere to Hockey Nova Scotia Social Media Policy
- Attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible & notify the coach/manager ahead of time if I will be absent
- Be present before games and practices in a timely manner
- Approach development opportunities with a positive attitude and accept constructive feedback
- Play whatever position I am assigned by my coach(s) to the best of my ability
- Respect the facilities, either home or away, in which I'm privileged to play
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my team and Acadia Minor Hockey Association
- Refrain from using foul language towards teammates, coaches, officials or opponents
- Not make any derogatory comments as to another individual's race, ethnic origin, color, religion, gender and/or sexual orientation
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of my coaches
- Show respect for the decisions, judgement and authority of the officials
- Show respect for players on my team as well as the other team
- Accept defeat gracefully...love the game above the prize

## AMHA PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

I will:

- Support my player & their team with positive encouragement & avoid confusing my player & their team by coaching from the stands
- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Nova Scotia, AMHA and my player's team
- Respect Hockey Nova Scotia Social Media Policy
- Encourage my player 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, in which my player is privileged to play
- Gain an understanding of the **AMHA 24-hour rule** to deal with team complaints and adhere to it
- Refrain from criticism of coaches, team officials, referees, teammates, opponents, opposing coaches, opposing team officials and other participants in AMHA games and other association activities. When I feel that criticism is warranted, I shall offer it in a manner that is fully respectful, through proper channels and away from the hockey rink
- Refrain from directing comments which are insulting, intimidating, humiliating, hurtful, malicious, degrading or otherwise offensive to players, team officials, referees and association volunteers including board members. If I feel that criticism of any such person is warranted, I shall offer it in a manner that is fully respectful, through proper channels and away from the hockey rink
- Ensure to the best of my ability that my player conducts themselves in a manner that minimizes the risk of injury, both physical and psychological, to themselves and others which includes refraining absolutely from making any derogatory comments as to another individual's race, ethnic origin, color, religion, gender and/or sexual orientation

- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship and positive attitude at all times when representing my player and Acadia Minor Hockey Association
- 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 or team official
- Accept defeat gracefully...love the game above the prize

### **AMHA TEAM OFFICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

I will:

- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Nova Scotia, AMHA and my team
- Respect Hockey Nova Scotia Social Media Policy
- Act as a leader of my team and act in a highly professional manner at all hockey related activities
- Be responsible for my behavior and the behavior of my team
- Respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions
- Show respect to the players and parents of my team
- Respect the facilities, either home or away, in which my team plays
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my team and Acadia Minor Hockey Association
- Refrain from using foul language towards my players, other coaches, officials, parents or opponents
- Not make any derogatory comments as to another individual's race, ethnic origin, color, religion, gender and/or sexual orientation
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of the officials
- Show respect for the players on my team as well as the other team
- Accept defeat gracefully...love the game above the prize

#### Resources

[Acadia Minor Hockey Coaching & Ethical Philosophy](#)

[Acadia Minor Hockey Association Conflict Resolution Policy](#)

[Hockey Nova Scotia Abusive Parent Dispute Resolution Policy](#)

[Hockey Nova Scotia Maltreatment, Bullying, & Harassment Protection and Prevention Policy](#)

[Hockey Nova Scotia Social Media Policy](#)

