



Acadia Minor Hockey Association



Player and Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Acadia Minor Hockey Association Code of Conduct is to ensure a safe and positive environment within AMHA programs, activities, and events by making individuals aware that there is an expectation, at all times both on and off the ice, of appropriate behaviour consistent with Hockey Nova Scotia's values.

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.

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 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 Media Policy
- Attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible and 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(es) to the best of my ability
- Respect the facilities, either home or away, in which I am privileged to play in
- 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, ethnicity, religion, gender, and/or sexual orientation
- Show respect for the decisions, judgement, 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

AMHA Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

I will:

- Support my player and their team with positive encouragement and avoid confusing my player and 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 in
- Gain an understanding of the Hockey Nova Scotia **24-hour rule** to deal with team complaints and adhere to it
- Refrain from criticizing 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 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 respectful, through the proper channels, and away from the 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, ethnicity, 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

I have read and reviewed the above statements, and as a parent/guardian, I have discussed the contents with my player. By signing below, we agree to be bound by the guidelines outlined above.

Player's Name (print): _____ **Signature:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

***** signature by one parent/guardian constitutes agreement by all of the player's parents/guardians to abide by the above guidelines.***