

Parent Pledge – Code of Conduct



SLMHA
SYLVAN LAKE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

As a Parent / Guardian of a SLMHA player, I agree to the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will not force my child to participate in hockey and remember that children play hockey for their enjoyment, not mine.
2. I will be a positive role model for my child. I will encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, referees/officials and spectators at every game, practice, or other team event. I will not use abusive language or actions and will always control my anger. I will never badger the other team or argue with their supporters.
3. I will not be a sideline coach or referee. I will allow all coaching during the games to be done by the coaches and not by parents, guardians, or guests in the stands. I recognize officials are being developed in the same manner as players and will be supportive of their decisions during games, and that each referee will make calls they feel are appropriate to what they have witnessed.
4. I will remember that every player on the team is a contributing player. I will spread my encouragement equitably amongst the team. I will recognize initiative and integrity, always congratulate the winner, and encourage the loser. I will never harass or berate a player, coach, manager, official, or other parent on social media or otherwise.
5. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or their performance. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time. I will remember that children learn by example and will applaud good plays and performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
6. I will have tactful, quiet, one-on-one discussions of any concerns with the Good of the Game representative / manager / coach(es) in accordance with SLMHA guidelines. I will not argue with team officials in public, as this is detrimental to getting a successful resolution. I will respect the 24-hour rule prior to approaching the Good of the Game representative / coach / manager.
7. I will try to arrange for alternate transportation if my child can't get to a practice/game on time so that they can have the necessary warm up. I will notify the coaches of any absences as soon as I become aware of them.
8. I will emphasize to my child that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.
9. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to hockey for my child.

