

RULES OF PLAY



STANDARDS

Any person involved in Mindemoya Thunder Minor Hockey shall NOT be:

- **Under the influence of drugs or alcohol during their involvement.**
- **Engaging in the use of offensive language or gestures during their involvement.**
- **Engaging in the abuse of officials.**
- **Engaging in the abuse of players of either team.**
- **Engaging in the abuse of parents or spectators.**
- **Engaging in the abuse of Bench Staff**
- **Engaging in the abuse of facilities or facility workers.**
- **Engaging in the deliberate contravention of the rules and regulations of Mindemoya Minor Hockey and Manitoulin Minor Hockey.**

FAIR PLAY CODE

For Players

- I will play hockey because I want to, not just because others or Coaches want me to.
- I will play by the rules of hockey, and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper - fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody and refrain from using profanity in the change rooms and on the bench
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will do my best to be a true team player.
- I will remember that winning isn’t everything - that having fun, improving skills, making friends, doing my best, and having fun are also important.
- I will acknowledge all good players/performances - those of my team and of my opponents.
- I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.
- I will receive fair ice time reflective of my behavior on the bench, in the dressing room, and reflective of my participation during practice.
- I acknowledge that to participate in Playoffs I need to have played at least 50% of the scheduled league games.

FAIR PLAY CODE

Bench Staff

- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations.
- I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, Officials, and opponents.
- I will strive to ensure fair ice time, support & game time providing players adhere to the guidelines outlined in the “players” code of conduct.
- 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.
- I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players ages and abilities.
- I will remember that participants need a Bench staff they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my skills.
- I will work in cooperation with Officials for the benefit of the game.
- I acknowledge that to be part of the bench staff All my training must be done before the start of the season
- I acknowledge that to be part of the bench staff my vulnerable sector check must be up to date and that I cannot participate as bench staff until this has been done.

FAIR PLAY CODE

For Parents

- I will NOT force my child to participate in hockey.
- I will remember my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 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.
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will never question the Officials' judgment or honesty in public.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from childrens' hockey games.
- My child will receive fair ice time reflective of their behavior on the bench, in the dressing room, and reflective of their participation during practices.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer Coaches and Bench Staff who give their time to coach hockey for my children.

FAIR PLAY CODE

For Spectators

- I will remember that participants play hockey for their enjoyment, they are not playing to entertain me.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will respect the officials' decision and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches, Bench Staff and league Officials.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents. Because without them there would be no game.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass Players, Coaches, Trainers, Manager and Officials, or other spectators.

FAIR PLAY CODE

For League Organizers

- 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.
- I will absolutely discourage any sport program from becoming primarily an entertainment for the spectator.
- I will make sure that all equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.
- I will make sure that the age and maturing level of the participants are considered in program development, rule enforcement and scheduling.
- I will remember that play is done for its own sakes and make sure that winning is kept in proper perspective.
- I will distribute the fair play code to Spectators, Coaches, Athletes, Officials, Parents and media.
- I will make sure that Coaches, Trainers 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.

FAIR PLAY CODE

For Officials

- 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.
- I will avoid or put an end to any situation that threatens the safety of the players.
- I will maintain a healthy atmosphere and environment for competition.
- I will not permit the intimidation of any player either by word or by action. I will not tolerate unacceptable conduct towards myself, other Officials, Players, or Spectators.
- I will be consistent and objective in calling all infractions. Regardless of my personal feelings toward a team or individual player.
- I will handle all conflicts firmly but with dignity.
- I accept my role as a teacher and role model for fair play, especially with young participants.
- I will be open to discussion and contact with the players before and after the game.
- I will remain open to constructive criticism and show respect and consideration from different points of view.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my officiating skills.
- I will work in cooperation with Coaches for the benefit of the game.