

# Strasbourg Minor Hockey Association Parent Code of Conduct

1. Parents will actively encourage and support the concepts of Strasbourg Minor Hockey Association at all times. The concepts are:
  - Respect the rules
  - Respect the opponents
  - Respect the Coaching Staff and Officials and their decisions
  - Maintain control at all times
2. Parents, friends or relatives are not permitted in the dressing room at the Pee Wee level and up.
3. Parents, friends or relatives are not permitted near the players bench during the game.
4. Parents shall support the whole team not just their own child. Applaud good effort in both victory and defeat; reinforce the positive points of the game. Never yell at or physically abuse any child or coach after the game- it is destructive.
5. Parents shall not embarrass their child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. By showing a positive attitude towards the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
6. Parents should learn the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice and not criticize the referees in the presence of, or within an earshot of any player(s). This will help the development of the sport. Criticism only hurts the game.
7. Players will maintain the team dress code for games and tournaments.
8. Recognize the importance of ``volunteer`` coaches, trainers, and managers. Parents shall leave the coaching to the coaching staff, and are not to encourage their child to play the game in a manner inconsistent with the team strategies or plans.
9. Parents will communicate all and any concerns to the team manager. If necessary a meeting will be arranged between the team staff and parents.
10. Unless otherwise stipulated by the coaches, all players will be at the rink at least 30 minutes prior to practice or a game.
11. SCHOOL takes precedence over hockey. Team staff will work with parents to maintain a positive school attitude.
12. Parents are reminded that players are responsible for their own equipment. No player will be allowed on the ice without complete and safe equipment.
13. Parents shall not use abusive or foul language and any time in the rink.
14. ``FUN``, LEARNING SKILLS, AND WINNING`` is the philosophy of SMHA, and in this order.
15. Any violations of this contract will result in the following
  - First violation will result in a one week suspension from the rink while your child/children take part in any practice, game, or tournament.
  - Second violations will result in a 30 day suspension from the rink while your child/children take part in any practice, game, or tournament.
  - Third Violation will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season from the rink while your child/children take part in any practice, game, or tournament.

**IF YOU ENJOY THE GAME, LEARN ALL YOU CAN ABOUT IT AND VOLUNTEER!!**