



## SHSHL Fair Play and Respect Program PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the intention of this Code to promote Fair Play and Respect for all participants within the Suburban High School Hockey League (SHSHL). It is required that all parents of SHSHL Middle School (SHSHL MS) participants read and understand the Parent's Code of Conduct, and continue to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Code throughout the year. No player will be rostered and permitted to play SHSHL MS hockey until this Code is signed. Administration of the SHSHL MS League will be through the SHSHL Middle School Committee, reporting to the Executive Committee of the SHSHL.

1. My child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not mine. I will try to make it SAFE, FAIR, and FUN.
2. I will encourage my child to play by the rules. All conflicts will be resolved without resorting to hostility or violence.
3. I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents. I will not be critical of, or embarrass any player, including opposition players.
4. I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that officials are being developed in the same manner as players. By design, the Middle School level is used to develop our future Varsity officials, just as it is used to develop our future Varsity players.
5. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to hockey for my child.
6. I will never yell, taunt, threaten or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, official or spectator at any youth hockey activity. I will refrain from the use of abusive or vulgar language, racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs at any time at the rink or any youth hockey function. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth hockey games.
7. I will leave the coaching to the coaching staff. I will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans.
8. I will emphasize skill development and a serious approach to practices and explain how skill development will benefit my child.
9. I will attempt to learn about the game of hockey (USA Hockey rules, equipment, levels, skills, etc.) so that I may best support my child's Middle School team.

10. I will not throw objects of any kind on the ice, or lean over and pound on the glass.

11. I will communicate all and any concerns regarding inappropriate behavior to the Team Coach. Thereafter, the appropriate Chain of Communication is:

**Player/Family => Team Coach => Club Board => SHSHL Middle School Committee => SHSHL Board**

Any violation of the Chain of Communications, including contacting schools and SHSHL representatives directly, will result in player suspensions, and team forfeits. I agree to follow the Dispute Resolution Procedure set forth in SHSHL Bylaw 14.

12. I will insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment. I will support a sports environment that is free of alcohol, drugs or tobacco and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

13. I understand the benefits from participating in a team sport, the commitment, the discipline and the social skills learned and acquired.

**I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by its guidelines at all team and league activities. I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be asked to leave the league activity (such as a game or practice) or I may be asked to withdraw my child from the league.**

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER'S NAME (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_