



Parent / Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement

The San Jose Jr. Sharks believes strongly in the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership through example. The program's overall goal of player development both on and off the ice relies heavily on our ability, as a group of families, to create and maintain a safe, fun and positive environment for our players. The Jr. Sharks organization is taking this opportunity to both ask for your support in this effort and to remind you that proper conduct and sportsmanship is expected of all families at all times.

Repercussions will be decided on a case-by-case basis and judged by severity from Jr. Sharks Management. (Removal from a game to a suspension from the rink.)

1. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any desire to win.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players.
3. 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. I will not undermine the coaches' authority by trying to be a coach instead of a parent.
4. I will provide support for coaches and officials working with the athletes to provide a positive experience for all. I understand that coaching is a difficult endeavor, and I will always give coaches the benefit of the doubt and treat them with respect.
5. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game. I understand that making mistakes is a key part of learning.
6. 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 opposing players.
7. I will treat all players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect in language, attitude, behavior and mannerisms. I understand that my behavior reflects on my child and on the San Jose Jr. Sharks hockey program, and I will require the same of my child.
8. I will not question the official's judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that officials are being developed in the same manner as players.
9. 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.