

## PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Children, coaches, officials and volunteers will not accept or ignore abusive, offensive or foul language or behavior. Failure to adhere to this code may result in disciplinary procedures being instituted. • I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good play/performances by both my child's team and their opponents.

• I will remember that my child plays for their enjoyment, not mine. I will not live through my child.

• I will not have unrealistic expectations.

• 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 event.

• I will never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake or losing a game. I will provide positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.

• I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.

• I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game or competition.

• I will respect the officials' decisions or judgement and will encourage participants to do the same.

• I will respect the volunteer coaches, who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, and show appreciation.

• I will not use foul language, nor will I harass or abuse, verbally or physically, athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

Be a good role model. Children watch and learn from you, so make sure you set a good example.

Your child's success or lack of success in hockey does not indicate what kind of parent you are.

Having a coachable, respectful, mentally tough, resilient and hardworking child who gives their best and is a good teammate is a direct reflection of your parenting.

This is what we must strive for.

• I will never exhibit racist, sexist, ableist or any sort of degrading language or gestures. I will model respectful and inclusive behavior at all times and will require this of my child as well.

• I will remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.

By becoming a Member of the Waterloo Girls Minor Hockey Association, you agree to this Code.