

Codes of Practice for Recreational Hockey

February 16, 2013

Horton Township Recreation Department operates a recreational hockey program for children up to 10 years of age. This recreational activity is not, nor is it intended to be, organized hockey under the guidance of a Minor Hockey Association with their rules and financial obligations. However, as a parent of a former rep hockey player, I believe that there must be some limited rules to protect the “spirit” and “purpose” of our recreational hockey program.

I have drafted the following rules for coaches and for parents/guardians of players and request your input before I present them to the Recreation Committee and Council for approval.

The following Drafts are for our discussion today.

Thank you for your participation and suggestions.

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Coach's Code/Role

1. I will be reasonable in my demands on the player's time, energy and enthusiasm.
2. I will teach the children to play fairly and to respect the rules and teammates.
3. I will ensure that all children receive equal instruction, discipline and support.
4. I will not ridicule or yell at the children 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.
5. I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the children's ages and ability.
6. I will remember that players need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
7. I will make a personal commitment to be informed on sound coaching principles.

Signature

date

Parent's Code/Role

1. I will not force my child to participate in hockey.
2. I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. 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 the game.
5. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake or losing a game.
7. I will never ridicule or yell at any coach or any other parent.
8. I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays and performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's hockey games.
10. I will recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches.
11. I will not criticize the coach in front of my child.
12. I will honour the 24-hour rule before approaching a coach or a Recreational Department representative. I will discuss my concerns directly with the coach in order to ascertain their objectives and ideas.

Signature(s)

date

Code of Conduct Infractions

	Infraction	Action after Investigation in all Cases
1 st Incident	Any infraction of the player, coach or parent of their Code of Conduct pledge	Consequence determined by Risk and Safety Officer, ruling will be issued and <u>possible suspension from activities and rink for a period of time</u>
2 nd Incident	Violating ruling from 1 st incident or a different infraction of their Code of Conduct pledge	Consequence determined by Risk and Safety Officer, ruling will be made. <u>Outcome is a longer duration suspension</u>
Repeated Incidents or Multiple Unrelated Incidents	Member continues to disregard disciplinary rulings or continues disregard of Code of Conduct Pledge	Outcome determined by Risk and Safety Officer. <u>Possible expulsion from rink area.</u>

Incident Report Form

Submit Completed Form To:
Kathleen Rogers, Recreation Program Manager,
Township of Horton
2253 Johnston Road, RR 5
Renfrew, Ontario K7V 3Z8

This form is to be utilized by anyone to report an incident of unacceptable behavior. An individual is considered to be displaying unacceptable behavior if they are verbally or physically harassing and/or abusing a game participant, coach, other parent or fan.

Date and Time of Incident: _____

Name of Offending Individual: _____

Name(s) of additional witnesses: _____

On a separate page, please attach a clear description of the unacceptable behavior witnessed. Please use black ink or type the report. Reports that are not legible will not be reviewed.

You can expect an official to investigate your report. Unfortunately a written response to all reports is not possible, as our volunteers do not have the resources to do so. We do however hope to be able to contact complainants at some point during or after the investigation. Resolution typically takes 2 to 4 weeks from receipt.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Town: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____