

BMSA CODE OF CONDUCT

Sportsman's like Conduct

- You will encourage good sportsmanship and act as a good role model for your child, never doing anything to harm any member of any team, coach or official.
- You must agree never to yell or ridicule any other player, coach or official during a game or practice for doing anything wrong. Instead encourage things that are done right.
- You must insist that your child does not insult anyone at the game or practice.
- You must agree not to taunt the opposing team or your own team such as shouting boos or yelling anyone's name in anger.
- You should also show good conduct by teaching your children to always shake the opponents' hand no matter how upset they may be. Instead you should comfort them and tell them that the important thing is that they did their best.

Respect

- You must agree to respect all officials, coaches, parents and players and to not confront them during the game or practice. You must never insult or call other players' names.
- You must agree to wait 24 hours prior to approaching the coaching staff with any issues you may have. Everyone needs a cool down period before discussions.
- If you have any issues or concerns, please bring them to your child's coach and Manager for discussion. If that does not work to solve the concerns, please speak with the director of the sport your child is in. Finally, if none of these steps have helped, please contact the president or vice president of BMSA.

Forcing Your Child and Winning Isn't Everything

- You must not force your child to participate in any sport; instead you should remember that your child is there for their fun, not for the adults' fulfillment.
- You should teach your child that playing the sport is fun, and that it doesn't matter if you win or lose. Once children realize that, pressure is taken off of them because they are no longer trying to win because mom or dad wants them to. Instead, you should emphasize practice and developing their skills; that will help them win further down the road where it really counts.

Medical Issues

- You also must agree to tell the coach whenever your child has a medical impairment that could harm a teammate or opponent. This also includes injuries/impairments that your child has that could further hurt your child. Examples would be communicable diseases, handicaps and injuries such as breaks, sprains, concussions and others.

Learn the Rules of the Game

- You should learn the rules of the game. By doing so, you will have more fun watching, and you will understand the official's rulings.

Failure to follow the code of conduct will result in:

- a verbal reprimand
- a written reprimand
- a suspension
- an expulsion
- a combination of the above

The BMSA code of conduct applies to all parents, players, coaches and any spectators involved in any sport. Please sign page three of this contract acknowledging that you understand and accept these terms. It must be returned prior to your child's next practice or they will not be allowed to participate.

BMSA requests that at least one parent from each family complete the Respect in Sport for Parents online course. Once done, the course is good for the duration of your family's participation in any BMSA activity and does not need to be renewed unless issues arise. This course can be accessed from the Hockey Alberta website. BMSA also requests that the Certificate of Completion be handed into the team manager by a due date discussed at the start of the sport's season. Failure to provide proof of course completion will result in the child being prohibited from playing the sport.

I/we have read the BMSA Code of Conduct and agree to abide by these terms. I understand that this contract is in place to ensure that everyone has a great season and so that everyone can enjoy minor sports.

PARENT SIGNATURE

CHILD'S NAME

COACHES SIGNATURE

MANAGERS SIGNATURE