



### **Code of Conduct – Players**

As a player, I shall:

1. Abide by the rules of hockey, the policies of the VTMHA and principles of good sportsmanship.
2. Respect my teammates, coaches, team officials, referees, opponents, opposing coaches, opposing team officials and other participants in VTMHA games, practices and other association activities.
3. Not make any derogatory comments as to another individual's race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, gender and/or sexual orientation.
4. Not put anyone down, or say or do anything that could hurt someone else physically or emotionally.
5. Work hard to improve my skills both as individual and as a team player.
6. Act in a safe and responsible manner at games, practices and all Thunderbird Association activities.
7. Support my teammates including those who are less skillful both on and off the ice.
8. Attend all practices and games and in the event that I have a legitimate reason for not being able to attend a practice or game, I will provide my coach with as much notice as possible of my anticipated absence.
9. Be on time and prepared to commence a game or practice in keeping with the schedule established by the coach.
10. Play whatever position I am assigned by my coach to the best of my ability.
11. Not lose my temper at games, practices or Association activities.
12. Not behave in a manner or engage in any activity that would cause embarrassment or disrespect to my team or the Thunderbird association including smoking, drinking alcohol or using drugs.

I understand that to be a Thunderbird player, I must comply with this Code of Conduct and that my failure to do so could result in disciplinary action against me including suspension from my team and playing hockey.

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### **Code of Conduct – Parents/Supporters**

As a parent or guardian of a VTMHA player, you have a responsibility to:

1. Ensure to the best of your ability that your child abides by the rules of hockey, the policies of the VTMHA and principals of good sportsmanship.
2. Ensure to the best of your ability that your child respects his/her teammates, coaches, team officials, referees, opponents, opposing coaches, opposing team officials and other participants in VTMHA games, practices and other association activities.
3. Ensure to the best of your ability that your child conducts himself/herself in a manner that minimizes the risk of injury, both physical and psychological, to himself/herself and others which includes refraining absolutely from making any derogatory comments as to another individual's race, ethnic origin, colour, religion, gender and/or sexual orientation.
4. Ensure you and all supporters of your child refrain from criticism of coaches, team officials, referees, teammates, opponents, opposing coaches, opposing team officials and other participants in VTMHA games and other association activities and, when you feel that criticism is warranted, you shall offer it in a manner that is fully respectful, through proper channels and away from the hockey rink in any event.
5. Ensure you and all supporters of your child refrain from directing comments which are insulting, intimidating, humiliating, hurtful, malicious, degrading or otherwise offensive to players, team officials, referees and association volunteers including but not restricted to division managers, board members, executive members (directors) and paid association staff such as the Administrator, Executive Director and Director of Hockey Operations. If you feel that criticism of any such person is warranted, you shall offer it in a manner that is fully respectful, through proper channels and away from the hockey rink in any event.
6. Ensure you and all supporters of your child refrain from discussing the weaknesses of other team players and/or coaching staff with your child.
7. Familiarize yourself with, and abide by the policies and procedures of the VTMHA.



### **Code of Conduct – Player’s and Parents’ Statement**

As a player and parent in the Vancouver Thunderbird Minor Hockey Association, I confirm that:

1. We have read the Vancouver Thunderbird Minor Hockey Association’s “Code of Conduct. – Players”;
2. I (Parent) have read the Vancouver Thunderbird Minor Hockey Association’s “Code of Conduct. – Parents”;
3. We will abide by these codes to the best of our ability.

Player’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Player’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player’s Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature \*: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* All players under the age of 19 must have a parent or guardian sign this statement, confirming that the parent/guardian is aware of and agrees with the “Code of Conduct – General”, the “Code of Conduct – Players” and the “Code of Conduct – Parents”.

**FAILURE TO SIGN THIS STATEMENT MAY RESULT IN THE PLAYER’S SUSPENSION UNTIL THIS STATEMENT IS SIGNED.**

Please give the signed copy of this statement to your coach or team manager.