

SOUTHLAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT & FAIR PLAY CODES

A. GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

Southland Hockey Association's (SHA) **General Code of Conduct** policy expects all players, parents, coaches and any other people that attend SHA practices, games or functions to behave in a socially acceptable manner that supports the Mission and Objectives of the SHA hockey program and to act as a positive role model for all SHA players.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Southland Hockey Association is to make hockey a fun and rewarding experience for all participants through a program that provides an organized and disciplined approach to developing hockey skills.

Objectives of the Hockey program

The objectives of the hockey program are to:

- encourage, promote, coordinate, improve and provide the means to enhance the experience of all those who wish to play, coach or otherwise become involved in the sport of hockey within the boundaries of the Southland Hockey Association.
- improve participants' basic hockey and coaching skills, to encourage players and other participants to make new friends, to encourage good sportsmanship, to create a spirit of fair competition and to conduct activities in a safe environment.

Specific details are published in the **Southland Hockey Association Policies & Procedures Manual** at :
http://www.southlandhockey.com/Coaches/Bylaws/Southland_Policy_August_2009.pdf

B. FAIR PLAY CODES as set out by Hockey Calgary and Hockey Canada's "Shared Respect" program

PLAYER'S PLEDGE

- I will play hockey because I want to, not just because others or coaches want me to.
- I will play by the rules of hockey, and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper – fighting and "mouthing off" can spoil the activity for everybody.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will do my best to be a true team player.
- I will remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
- I will acknowledge all good plays/ performances – those of my team and of my opponents.
- I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

Player Name (please print)

Player Signature

Date

PARENTS / GUARDIANS PLEDGE

- I will not force my child to participate in hockey.
- I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 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 a game.
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/ performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's hockey games.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to coach hockey for my child.

PARENTS / GUARDIANS AS SPECTATORS PLEDGE

- I will remember that participants play hockey for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will respect the officials' decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
- I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.

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Parent / Guardian Name (please print)	Parent / Guardian Signature	Date

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Parent / Guardian Name (please print)	Parent / Guardian Signature	Date

COACHES PLEDGE

- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations.
- I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and opponents.
- I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time.
- I will not ridicule or yell at my players 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.
- I will make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players' ages and abilities.
- I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.

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Head Coach Name (please print)	Head Coach Signature	Date

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Assistant Coach Name (please print)	Assistant Coach Signature	Date

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