

## **Parent's Code of Conduct**

Pascack Hockey believes in the support and development of players and setting the example for your children to follow. The following Code of Conduct is adopted for team activities:

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sports. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice.
   This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points
  of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice –
  it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth
  sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport.
- Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey and volunteer.

## **Spectator's Code of Conduct**

Hockey is an exciting game to watch and everyone likes to cheer for their team and watch their children compete. Pascack Hockey expects to make the games a fun environment for our children and maintaining appropriate conduct is necessary to properly represent the values of the team. At all team events, the following conduct is expected for all in attendance:

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
- Act appropriately: do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.

- Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
- Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing any items on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials.
- Do not lean over or pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.
- Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
- Be supportive after the game win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

## **Zero Tolerance Policy**

The game will be stopped by game officials when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/ spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
- Any physical contact with other parents, coaches, or players.
- Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

## **Acceptance of Policies**

As a parent, I agree to follow set an example for my children to follow. I agree to abide by the Parent's Code of Conduct, the Spectator's Code of Conduct, and the Zero Tolerance Policy. Failure to follow these Codes may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to suspension from attendance at games, practices, and other team activities.

Player Name:	<del></del>
Parent/Guardian Name 1:	
Parent/Guardian Name 2:	
Signature:	Date:

Signature of one parent/guardian constitutes acceptance of this conduct policy on behalf of the entire family of the player.