

**Sheridan Amateur Hockey Association
Code of Conduct
Parent/Guardian/Spectator**

1. PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPECTATOR Code of Conduct

The success of SAHA depends upon the active participation of parents, guardians, and volunteers. Parents/guardians are encouraged to participate in all activities of SAHA. The ultimate responsibility for a child's behavior belongs with the parent/guardian. Detrimental or unsportsmanlike conduct by a child, parents/guardians or both may result in the suspension of the child, parents/guardian or both.

2. RULES OF CONDUCT

- A.** Abusive behavior, gestures or language towards players, coaches, officials or other parents/spectators will not be permitted or tolerated.
- B.** Grievances should be submitted in writing to the Age Group Representative or the President of SAHA, not to the coaches, referees or team managers.
- C.** Expect at the expressed request of the coach, parents/guardians and all other non-participants are required to be in the stands and away from the players' benches during the game. Interference by parents/spectators during a game will result in the following steps:
 - i. **First Offense** - A warning in writing will be sent to the parent/guardian/spectator.
 - ii. **Second Offense** - The parent/guardian/spectator will be barred from attending games and/or practices for a period of seven (7) consecutive calendar days.
 - iii. **Third Offense** - The parent/guardian/spectator will be barred from attending games and/or practices for the remainder of the season.
- D.** Parents/guardians are expected to make sure players attend all practices and games on time and should notify coaches, assistant coaches or team managers as far in advance as possible if their child will be absent from a game or practice.
- E.** Parents/guardians/spectators are requested not to offer comments or advice during games or practices since these may conflict with the coaches' strategy or lesson plan at the time. Parents/guardians/spectators are expressly prohibited from complaining directly to coaches or referees. This type of action will be dealt with disciplinary action as noted above. Any parent/guardian/spectator refusing to abide by the decisions will result in the parent/guardian/spectator being barred from the ice rink.