



TEMISKAMING SHORES MINOR HOCKEY ASSN.

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FAIR PLAY CODES

What is Fair Play?

Fair Play is a universal concept that forms the foundation for all sport. Fair Play does not change the rules of the game. Fair Play goes far beyond scoring and winning, it is about the development of skills and character, on and off the ice, that lead to a lifelong enjoyment of sport and recreation. Fair Play allows athletes the same opportunity to develop skills, the chance to display those skills in an atmosphere of respect, and to develop and appreciation for the efforts of all participants.

Fair Play is a program adopted by the Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association to enhance and promote SAFETY and RESPECT with all participants involved.

The five basic principles of Fair Play:

1. RESPECT THE RULES
2. RESPECT THE OPPONENTS
3. RESPECT THE OFFICIALS AND THEIR DECISIONS
4. HAVE EVERYONE PARTICIPATE
5. MAINTAIN SELF CONTROL AT ALL TIMES

All involved in the game must be proactive and a good role model in the promotion of the values of Fair Play. The following are recommended Fair Play codes for athletes, parents, spectators, coaches, officials and league organizers.

PLAYERS

- 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 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/performance – 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.

COACHES

- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that young athletes have other interests and obligations.
- I will teach my athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, opponents, and team mates.
- I will ensure that **ALL** athletes receive equal instruction, discipline, support, and



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- appropriate fair playing time.
- I will not ridicule or yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will make sure the equipment and facilities are safe and match the athlete's ages and abilities.
- I will remember that the children 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.

PARENTS

- I will not force my child to participate in hockey.
- I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not 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 the 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 the children learn best by example. I will applaud good players/performance by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will never question the official's 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.

OFFICIALS

- I will make sure that every athlete has a reasonable opportunity to perform to the best of his or her ability, within the limits of the rules.
- I will avoid or put an end to any situation that threatens the safety of the athletes.
- I will maintain a healthy atmosphere and environment for competition.
- I will not permit the intimidation of any athlete either by word or action. I will not tolerate unacceptable conduct toward myself, other officials, athlete or spectators.
- I will be consistent and objective in calling all infractions, regardless of my personal feelings toward a team or individual player.
- I will handle all conflicts firmly but with dignity.
- I accept my role as a teacher and role model for Fair Play. Especially with young participants.
- I will be open to discussion and contact with the athletes before and after the game.
- I will remain open to constructive criticism and show respect and consideration for different points of view.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my officiating skills.
- I will work in cooperation with coaches for the benefit of the game.

SPECTATORS

- I will remember that the participants play hockey for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that athletes are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will respect the official's decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- I will never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive



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- 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 athletes, coaches, officials, or other spectators.

LEAGUE ORGANIZERS

- I will do my best to see that all athletes are given the same chance to participate, regardless of gender, ability, ethnic background or race.
- I will absolutely discourage any sport program from becoming primarily an entertainment for the spectators.
- I will make sure that all equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and ability.
- I will make sure that the age and maturity level of the participants are considered in program development, rule enforcement and scheduling.
- I will remember that Fair Play is done for its own sake and make sure that winning is kept in proper perspective.
- I will distribute the Fair Play Codes to spectators, coaches, athletes, officials, parents and media.
- I will make sure that the coaches and officials are capable of promoting Fair Play as well as the development of good technical skills and I will encourage them to become certified.

ICE TIME AND FAIR PLAY

Probably the most contentious issue that Fair Play raises in minor hockey is the question of the amount of ice time an athlete receives or when that player receives their ice time. The following policies will govern the allocation of ice time to players during the season. All coaches, athletes and parents are expected to support these policies.

House League and Developmental Play:

House league and developmental play stress skill development. It is the coaches responsibility to ensure that every athlete, regardless of ability or game situation be given equal ice time in every game. Ice time must be allocated on a game by game basis. If there are two goaltenders, then their time must be divided equally in every game. Situational play (power plays, penalty killing, line/matching) is not allowed in these divisions.

All-Star Play (Rep – Travel A & C):

All-star play allows for teaching competitive play as well as skill development. Therefore, all-star play permits situational play. On a game by game basis how much ice time, or when a player is used is at the discretion of the coach. However, it is the coaches' responsibility to ensure that every player will receive fair ice time through the course of the season.

Further to that, in tournament play, players should also receive fair ice time over the course of the entire tournament. Again, on a game by game basis how much ice time, or when a player is used is at the discretion of the coach. Parents or athletes who do not agree with this policy have the option of not participating on all-star teams.

Fair ice time is determined by the coach weighing factors such as player commitment, work ethic, dedication and team play throughout the season. Considering these factors, Fair Play may not always imply equal in any given game.

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