

LSMHA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

By the very nature of the game, hockey is physical and aggressive. When a game is as fast paced as hockey, it is sometimes inevitable that tempers will flare and poor judgment will occur. As parents, guardians and coaches it is our responsibility to encourage our children/players to play by the rules. We must remember that children learn best by example. When we show positive attitudes towards the game, other players, coaches, as well as referees, our children will benefit.



As a Parent or Guardian, I acknowledge the following rules that form this Code of Conduct:

- 1) Participation in the Lambton Shores Minor Hockey Association is not a right – it is a privilege.
- 2) Physical abuse or threatening abuse towards other parents, coaches, officials, players or members of the LSMHA Executive will not be tolerated.
- 3) Foul language or other forms of verbal abuse or harassment towards other parents, coaches, officials players or members of the LSMHA Executive will not be tolerated.
- 4) Respect for and adhere to all ideals, policies and rules determined by Hockey Canada, OMHA and Lambton Shores Minor Hockey Association.
- 5) Respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions.
- 6) Maintain self-control at all times.
- 7) Encourage my child to attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible in a timely manner and to notify the coach ahead of time in regards to absences.
- 8) Respect the facilities either home or away in which my child is privileged to play.
- 9) Remember that me and my child represent the Lambton Shores Predators and are expected to act in an appropriate manner.
- 10) Show respect for the decision, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers. Players, coaches, and referees are all human and they may make mistakes too.
- 11) Show respect for the feelings and abilities of my child, my child's team-mates and the players on the other team.
- 12) Refrain from expressing opinions of coaches, players and parents from both my child's team and the opposing team in front of my child or anyone else's.
- 13) Wait 24 hours as a cool down period before approaching a coach or member of the team staff as well as the LSMHA Executive with a concern or complaint.