

7. CODE OF CONDUCT — PARENTS

Ringette BC is committed to providing its members with a safe and positive environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. The essential elements of character building and ethics in Ringette are embodied in the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

All Ringette BC members are expected to conduct themselves appropriately, and in a fair and responsible manner at all times. By signing this document below, I agree to the following principles, and agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards established in the Parent Code of Conduct.

AS A PARENT AND MEMBER OF RINGETTE BC, I WILL:

1. Display good sportsmanship, and be a positive role model for my child by displaying respect, courtesy and positive support to all players, coaches, officials and spectators
2. Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and recognize efforts by both my child's team and the opposing team, remembering that without the opposition, there would be no game
3. Not encourage, promote or engage in any behaviours or practices that would endanger the physical and mental well-being of any athlete, coach or official
4. Encourage my child to treat others with respect, regardless of race, colour, sex, or ability
5. Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent, such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures
6. Refrain from speaking despairingly about others involved with my child's team, the opposition, referees or event organizers, including through the usage of social media
7. Respect the officials and their authority during games, and will never question or confront them during or immediately following a game
8. Respect coaches, remembering that they are volunteers, respect their decisions, and encourage open communication with them
9. Refrain from confronting coaches during or immediately following a game. I will arrange a meeting through the team manager if needed, and conduct myself professionally and respectfully
10. Provide a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs and alcohol, and will refrain from the use of them at all events

Individuals who display poor sportsmanship, including, but not limited to, inappropriate behavior directed at the officials, coaches, players or other fans, are subject to disciplinary action. Any misconduct of the nature mentioned above will be dealt with by Ringette BC.

FROM RINGETTE CANADA – PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF RINGETTE CANADA MEMBERS, AND SPECTATORS, AT EVENTS WILL:

- a. *Encourage athletes to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence;*
- b. *Never ridicule a participant for making a mistake during a performance or practice;*
- c. *Provide positive comments that motivate and encourage participants continued effort;*
- d. *Respect the decisions and judgements of officials, and encourage athletes to do the same;*
- e. *Never question an officials' or Ringette Canada staffs' judgement or honesty;*
- f. *Respect and show appreciation to all competitors, and to the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to the sport*
- g. *Keep off of the playing area, do not interfere with play*

I shall adhere to the above statements of conduct as a parent and will accept the ramifications should I fail to comply as determined by Ringette BC.

NAME (PRINT)	DATE	SIGNATURE
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