



RDV ICE DEN & USA HOCKEY PARENT AND COACH CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM



- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember, players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.
- Be a positive role model to your players. Display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Wait the prescribed 24 hours, before approaching a coach or RDV staff member with a game situation concern or any other issue.
- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport.
- 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 play 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 and deemphasize games and competition in the younger age level.
- Know and study the rules of hockey, 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 physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Electronic device usage will not be allowed inside the locker rooms.
- 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 and dedicate time as a volunteer!

SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- 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 objects on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials.
- Do not lean over and pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.
- Do not open rink doors while practices and games are in progress.
- Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety and remain alert to help prevent accidents.
- 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.

Social Media

I understand that as a Parent within the RDV Ice Den organization, I must be responsible and respectful in my use of social media. Social media includes, but is not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, MySpace, YouTube, LinkedIn, SnapChat, chat rooms, message boards, group text messages, etc. As such, I agree:

- To protect confidential and proprietary RDV and player information and not to disclose any such information through social media or otherwise.
- To be respectful in postings. This includes exercising good judgment before posting materials or statements about RDV:
 - Are or could be considered defamatory, vulgar, obscene, racially, culturally or ethnically offensive, harmful, harassing, inflammatory, intimidating, threatening, hateful, objectionable, discriminatory, or abusive;
 - May violate any laws, rules, or regulations; or
 - Could incite violence or hostility. This is especially important on public message boards or chat rooms where even a positive comment about RDV players, coaches, or the organization could be seen as inflammatory.
- To not use any RDV logos, trademarks, or images in a negative manner on personal social media sites.
- To not represent my personal views as those of RDV or its related organizations.
- To not engage in cyber bullying or other forms of electronic harassment.

USA HOCKEY - Zero Tolerance Policy

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior, and Senior Councils have instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials, administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during, and after all USA Hockey sanctioned games.

Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all One-Ice Referees and Linesmen:

Players:

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it's not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if a player continues such action.

Parents/Spectators:

The game will be stopped by On-Ice officials when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The On-Ice 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.

- 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.
- Throwing of any object in the spectator's viewing area, player's bench, penalty box, or on the ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

Coaches:

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players, or spectators.
4. Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty

Officials:

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. On-Ice officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

PLAYER'S PRINTED NAME: _____

PARENT'S PRINTED NAME: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

I have read the above; I acknowledge the penalty incurred for any violations to disrupt or create a safety hazard any time before, during or after the game.

