

Code of Conduct – Youth Players and Parents

Youth players are expected to meet the following standards of behaviour:

1. Play hockey for enjoyment above all other things.
2. Learn the rules of ice hockey, submitting to the rulings of officials without argument.
3. Be on time and properly equipped for all practices and games.
4. Aim for improvement in all aspects of their game.
5. Support their team and team members on and off the ice.
6. Respect opponents through good sportsmanship.
7. Respect coaches and listen to and follow their instructions.
8. Respect the rules of all sporting and other facilities.
9. Encourage others to play ice hockey through modeling and promotion of the sport.

Players can have the following expectations:

1. Have fun on and off the ice.
2. Be able to ask questions and learn more about the game of ice hockey.
3. Have qualified coaching and develop as a player.

Parents are expected to meet the following standards of behaviour:

1. Support players in their ice hockey, not forcing them to play, having unrealistic expectations of them, or condemning them for making mistakes.
2. Respect officials and submit to their rulings without argument. Encourage players to follow the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, abuse, or violence.
3. Communicate with team coaches and managers about a player's availability and health.
4. Encourage and reward sportsmanship on the ice.
5. Provide a good example for fellow parents and players in their behaviour.
6. Respect coaches/managers and support their work. A parent's primary job at games is to support their child and their team, parental help will only be allowed if it is asked for.

Parents can have the following expectations:

1. Players to participate in a safe, supportive environment.
2. Players to have an opportunity to improve their ice hockey and play at a competitive level.
3. Be able to ask questions of the Association and its coaches and officials at an appropriate time and place.

The Dunedin Ice Hockey Association has a zero tolerance policy towards:

1. Verbal abuse, physical abuse, fighting, or any other unsportsmanlike behaviour
2. 'Hazing' or other team or rookie initiation rituals.
3. Performance enhancing or illegal drug use.
4. Alcohol consumption by members under the age of eighteen.

Any player, parent, coach or official who engages in this behaviour faces disciplinary consequences.

Code of Conduct – Senior Players

Senior players are expected to meet the following standards of behaviour:

1. Play hockey for enjoyment above all other things.
2. Communicate with team coaches and managers about their availability and health.
3. Learn the rules of ice hockey, submitting to the rulings of officials without argument.
4. Be on time and properly equipped for all practices and games.
5. Aim for improvement in all aspects of their game.
6. Support their team and team members on and off the ice.
7. Respect opponents through good sportsmanship.
8. Respect coaches and listen to and follow their instructions.
9. Respect the rules of all sporting and other facilities.
10. Encourage others to play ice hockey through modeling and promotion of the sport.

Players can have the following expectations:

1. Have fun on and off the ice.
2. Play in a safe, supportive environment.
3. Have qualified coaching and develop as a player.
4. Play the game at a competitive level.
5. Be able to ask questions and learn more about the game of ice hockey.
6. Be able to ask questions of the Association and its coaches and officials at an appropriate time and place.

The Dunedin Ice Hockey Association has a zero tolerance policy towards:

1. Verbal abuse, physical abuse, fighting, or any other unsportsmanlike behaviour
2. 'Hazing' or other team or rookie initiation rituals.
3. Performance enhancing or illegal drug use.
4. Alcohol consumption by senior members immediately before or during on-ice activities.

Any player, parent, coach or official who engages in this behaviour faces disciplinary consequences.