



## TASA MINOR HOCKEY

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# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **PREAMBLE**

It is the responsibility of all members of the Association who are at minor hockey events to use appropriate and respectable behaviour that fosters a positive environment for children and the community at large. It is the responsibility of every member to model the behaviours outlined in the Code of Conduct. All members of the Association must share the burden of achieving the behaviours required for a positive, fun minor hockey experience. The TASA Behaviour Policy outlines the general behavioural expectations of all participants and the process that will be followed, should unacceptable behaviour occur.

The mission of Hockey Canada and TASA is to lead, develop and promote positive hockey experiences. The well-being and safety of its participants are of primary importance. This includes, among other things, a shared responsibility with parents, guardians and family members to nurture the physical and emotional well-being and safety of its participants.

The Respect in Sport program, Hockey NS Intervention Policy, insurance, and safety programs provide resources to help foster and maintain a respectful and safe environment. The additional policies and procedures adopted by TASA are meant to supplement these programs to ensure we achieve this environment.

### **POLICY:**

TASA will have clearly articulated expectations relating to behavior for all members of TASA. These expectations shall be in the form of 'code of conduct' or 'expectations for behavior' or similarly named documents. Members include players, volunteers/coaches and parents/supporters. These expectations will be included on the TASA website and may be shared in other formats as applicable.

This policy, in conjunction with the TASA Code of Conduct, outlines the expected actions and behaviour of all members of the Association. Members are defined but not limited to children, parents and relatives of participants, coaches, and team staff.

These code(s) of conduct and policies related to behavior apply to all members/supporters of TASA and are applicable to any event and/or activity under the jurisdiction of TASA.



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### PROCEDURES

Expectations for Behavior: As a Member of TASA Minor Hockey, I will do my very best to:

- respect all rules of the game, league, HNS, etc.
- respect our opponents
- respect the officials and their decisions
- have everyone participate
- maintain self-control at all times

Expectations for Behavior: As a Parent with TASA Minor Hockey, I will do my very best to:

- support the whole team, not just my own child
- not be critical, embarrass or harass any players, including the opposition
- not criticize the referees
- leave the coaching to the coaching staff, and not interfere with, or undermine the coaches at any time
- not encourage my child to play the game in a manner inconsistent with coaches' direction or plan
- make sure that my player will arrive at the game or practice with complete and safe equipment
- communicate any concerns to the team manager directly

Expectations for Behavior: As a Player of a TASA Minor Hockey team, I will do my very best to:

- remember that I am on a team and I will be a team player
- remember that winning isn't everything
- remember that doing my best in all games and practices **IS** everything, so that I may focus on getting better as a player and a teammate
- respect my teammates
- not be critical of my teammates and never discuss teammates' abilities except to encourage good team play
- not use foul language towards teammates, coaches, officials, or opponents
- thank my line-mates for helping me score
- encourage our goalie if we are scored on, and try harder to help him/her next time
- listen to my coaches' instructions
- be responsible for arriving on time and with all my equipment, including a water bottle