



Dallas Stars Metro Hockey League Parent / Legal Guardian Code of Conduct

The Dallas Stars Metro Hockey League believes strongly in the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership through example. The League's overall goal of player development both on and off the ice relies heavily on our ability, as a group of families, to create and maintain a safe, fun and positive environment for our players.

The Dallas Stars organization is taking this opportunity to both ask for your support in this effort and to remind you that proper conduct and sportsmanship is expected of all families at all times.

As a parent / legal guardian of a child involved in the Dallas Stars Metro Hockey League, I agree to abide by and follow the rules of the guidelines below:

- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any desire to win.
- I will support and promote Fair Play by encouraging my child to play by the rules.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players.
- I will leave the coaching to the coaching staff. I will not undermine the coaches' authority by trying to be a coach instead of a parent.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with the athletes to provide a positive experience for all. I understand that coaching is a difficult endeavor, and I will always give coaches the benefit of the doubt and treat them with respect.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game. I understand that making mistakes is a key part of learning.
- I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents. I will not be critical of, or embarrass any player, including opposing players.
- I will treat all players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect in language, attitude, behavior and mannerisms. I understand that my behavior reflects on my child and on the Dallas Stars Metro Hockey League, and I will require the same of my child.
- I will not question the official's judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that officials are trained in their field and were put in place to ensure that there is a safe environment for my child to participate in the sport of hockey.
- I will never yell, taunt, threaten or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator at any youth hockey activity. I will refrain from the use of abusive or vulgar language, racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs at any time at the rink or any

youth hockey function. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth hockey games.

- I understand the importance of skill development. I will remember that practices benefit my child more than games and competition.
- I will not question the level/division that my child and his/her team is placed in. I will remember that the DSMHL staff has made their decisions based upon the best interest of the League and its members.
- I will adhere to the 24-hour rule, and I will wait 24 hours after my child's practice or game before making my complaint known. I will discuss all issues with the appropriate parties in a calm manner, and this will include all types of communication. First point of communication will be the Head Coach of my child's team, and second point of communication will be the Hockey Programs Coordinator/Manager of my Home Facility.
- I will not go into the locker room / dressing room of an opposing team or obstruct their access to exit from said room or ice arena.
- I will not go into the officials' locker room / dressing room or obstruct their access to exit from said room or ice arena.
- I will not go onto the ice surface, throw any object onto the ice surface, into the player's bench area(s), or at another individual, and I will not pound or climb on the glass.
- I will not deface or damage any property belonging to any individual, team, association, or arena.
- I will not be involved in any activity that warrants the summoning of law enforcement officials.
- I will not incite any person(s) to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviors.

I understand that by accepting the terms of this document, I am agreeing to abide by the Dallas Stars Metro Hockey League (DSMHL) Parent / Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. I understand that the Dallas Stars Metro Hockey League adheres to the "Three Strikes and You're Out" principle. Further, my failure to comply with this agreement will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the Dallas Stars Metro Hockey League.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Child's Name: _____