

SPORTSMANSHIP starts in the stands



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Parents, What Should We Be Looking For From The Game?

- A fun, safe, positive environment to play the game
- A place to:
 - Learn to be a team player
 - Make life-long friends
 - Learn to be a gracious winner or loser



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Being a Hockey Parent Is No Easy Task

- Hockey parents are often called upon to wear many different volunteer hats, some of which result in conflicting roles.
- Hockey Canada is committed to helping those parents meet these challenges to ensure they continue to enjoy the game and have as much fun as their kids.



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Player to Parent Relationship

What Are the Motives of a Player?

- A positive first hockey experience
- Fun
- Making friends
- Emulating a hero
- Playing like mom/dad

Is there a difference between a 16 year old and a 5 year old?



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Player to Parent Relationship

Parent Roles and Responsibilities

- Focusing on your child's enjoyment
- Support your child's endeavors
- Model acceptable behaviour to your children
- Reaffirming your child's self confidence during practices and games
- Keeping your player focused on participation and fun, not results
- Parents need to be positive, understanding, and responsible!



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Parent to Coach Relationship

Coaches and Parents

- Respect coaches' duties, goals and responsibilities
- Always be positive and respectful when communicating with coaches.
- Let the coaches coach
- 24 hour rule



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Parent to Coach Relationship

Value-Based Coaching

- What is value-based coaching?
- There are many values that coaches relay to players through words or actions, including responsibility and respect.
- Parents need to work in conjunction with coaches to ensure your children take these values to heart.



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Parent to Coach Relationship

Value-Based Coaching

- Parents must work with coaches to reinforce learned values
- Children constantly look to coaches for instruction and approval
- Most coaches are volunteers
- Respect must be practiced toward all parties involved, all the time!



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Parent to Parent Relationship

Affecting Change in Parents

- The “silent majority” – most people do not express their opinions publically
 - group dynamics and effective problem solving
- Interact respectfully and responsibly with other parents
- Let communication and common sense help during difficult times



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Parent to Parent Relationship

Fostering Parental Respect and Responsibility

- In the heat of the moment – respect and responsible behavior first!
- Model expected behavior for your player at all times
- The onus is on ALL parents to act in preventing unacceptable conduct

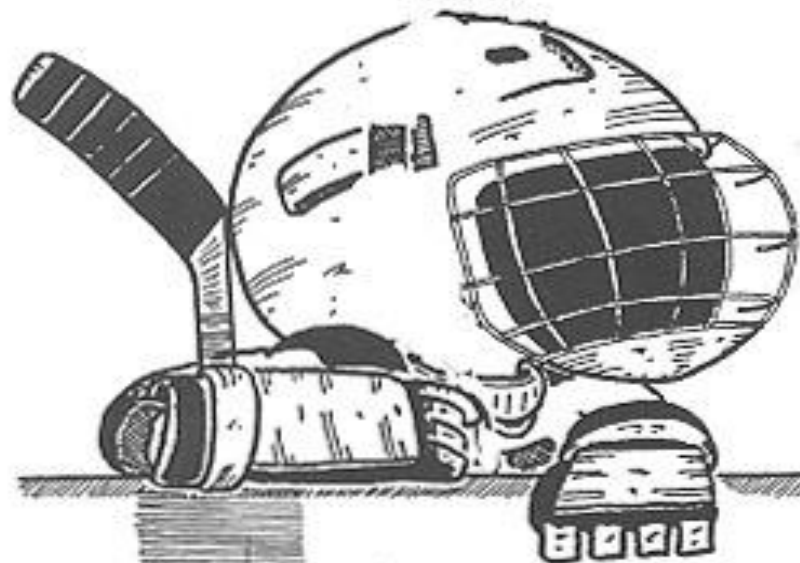


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I know you're upset about this penalty, Jason. But You never, ever scream at or assault the referee.... That's your parents' job.

PENALTY
BOX



Parent to MHA Relationship

How can you get involved with your MHA?

- How to become involved as a volunteer
 - Attend the AGM
 - Read the policy manual
 - Attend meetings and learn how your association operates
- The benefits of being a volunteer
 - Lifetime friendships
 - Can be a positive role model for your child
 - Share your love and experiences in sport



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Parent to MHA Relationship

Implementation of Educational Programs

- Educational Programs available for coaches, officials and risk managers
 - Respect in Sport, etc.
- Parent education and awareness programs available
- The importance of encouraging these programs locally




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**WHEN CAN WE
GO HOME, MOM?**



**AS SOON AS YOUR
FATHER GETS OUT OF
THE PENALTY
BOX...**

**OUT OF CONTROL
PARENTS**

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What Does Your MHA, Branch and Hockey Canada Expect From You as a Parent?

- To focus on the kids having a fun, positive experience
- To hold high but reasonable expectations
- To promote the balance between hockey and life
- To always model positive, responsible behaviour
- To treat all those involved with respect!



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What Does Your MHA, Branch and Hockey Canada Expect From You as a Parent?

- Where there is disagreement or conflict, expressing views and opinions in a respectful manner is vital
- Emphasize important values such as:
 - Sportsmanship
 - Cooperation
 - Fairness
 - Respect
 - Excellence
 - Teamwork



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MHA Policies

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Complaint Procedure

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