



## MTK HOCKEY CLUB - Parent Code of Conduct

### *Code of Conduct - Preamble*

The Mississippi Thunderkings Hockey Club and all of its players, parents and volunteers will abide by all codes of conduct as set forth by all governing bodies, including but not limited to Hockey Canada, HEO, HEO Minor and the OBMHL.

Due to the competitive environment created by sport an atmosphere of negative behavior/conduct can occur from time to time. As members of the Mississippi Thunderkings Hockey Club (MTK) all of our parents, players, coaches and volunteers are reminded that any breach of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary measures being taken. As a result, the MTK Board retains the right to sanction disciplinary measures against anyone who violates any code of conduct policy or otherwise acts in a manner that is deemed to be unacceptable or in direct contrast to any of the core values of any code of conduct policy. These noted disciplinary sanctions can include (but are not limited to) coach/parent/player suspensions and restrictions.

The MTK Board will implement (if applicable) a progressive discipline policy. Although the degree of discipline will vary from incident to incident depending on the particulars of the violation, punishment will increase in length and severity should repeat offences occur.

The MTK Board reserves the right to issue any sanction(s) deemed reasonable to one of its members given the totality of the circumstances of the violation committed. All of our membership is reminded that being a part of MTK is a privilege and not a right. Please ensure that you conduct yourself in a manner that is reflective of the positive atmosphere we are striving to create. You are not only viewed as an individual but also as an MTK member, please carry yourselves accordingly and exercise due diligence in promoting a fun, healthy and professional environment that can be enjoyed by all.

## *MTK Parent Code of Conduct Agreement*

The MTK Hockey Club believes strongly in the core values of teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership through example. As a parent/legal guardian in our Club you should know that your actions reflect not only on you, but also on your child, their team, their coaches and the MTK Hockey Club as a whole.

As a parent / legal guardian of a child involved in the MTK Hockey Club, I agree to abide by and follow the rules of the guidelines listed below:

- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any desire to win.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players.
- I will leave the coaching to the coaching staff.
- I will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans.
- I will not undermine the coaches' authority at any time 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, team 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 MTK Club as a whole.
- I will at no time question the team official's and/or on ice official's judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that officials are being developed in the same manner as players. I will never yell, taunt, threaten or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, team official, on ice official or spectator at any 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 hockey function.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from any MTK sanctioned event.
- I will abide by the Hockey Canada 24 Hour Rule at ALL times.

I understand that by signing this document I am agreeing to support and promote this Parent / Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. Further I recognize that my failure to comply with this agreement or my participation in any of the conduct subject to discipline will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from MTK.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: