

# **Silver Seven Hockey Club**

## **Parent Code of Conduct**

### **Code of Conduct - Preamble**

Due to the competitive environment created by sport an atmosphere of negative behavior/conduct can occur from time to time. As members of the Ottawa Silver Seven Hockey Club (OVSS) 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 an Executive we strive to maintain a high level of professionalism and respect within our Association and as such we take a ZERO TOLERANCE approach to any conduct deemed unbecoming of an OVSS member.

As a result, the OVSS Executive 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 and positive playing environment we are striving to create. These noted disciplinary sanctions can include (but are not limited to) coach/parent/player suspensions, restrictions from the lobby area and/or other areas of the facility in which the OVSS has rented for use. This can also include the viewing /audience area (both ice pads if applicable), canteen, parking lot etc. Further sanctions can include outright suspension from any venue or building being utilized for an OVSS sanctioned event.

The OVSS Executive 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. As an example a first offence violation may result in a one month suspension, a second offence may carry a 3-6 month suspension and a third offence may result in a lifetime revocation of membership with the OVSS Association.

The OVSS Executive reserve 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 the OVSS Association 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 OVSS member, please carry yourselves accordingly and exercise due diligence in promoting a fun, healthy and professional environment that can be enjoyed by all.

### **SILVER SEVEN PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Silver Seven Hockey Association believes strongly in the core values of teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership through example. Our Association strives to produce a program that contributes to the overall goal of player development both on and off the ice. This mindset relies heavily on our collective ability, as a group of families, to create and maintain a safe, fun and positive environment for all of our players.

As an Association we request that you take the time to review the below **PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT** and support us by abiding by the Agreement as stated. You are a direct reflection of Silver Seven Hockey Association as a whole and therefore any conduct deemed unbecoming will be addressed. We therefore ask for your support in this effort and remind you that proper conduct and sportsmanship is expected of **ALL** Association members at **ALL** times.

### **Parent / Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement**

As a parent / legal guardian of a child involved in the Silver Seven Hockey Association, I agree to abide by and follow the rules and 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 Silver Seven Association 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 Silver Seven Hockey Association 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 defined **CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE** will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the Silver Seven Hockey Association.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_