



Parent / Guardian Expectations

It is the intention of this program to promote fair play and respect for all participants within Riggers Hockey Academy. Our expectation is that upon committing to a RHA team with your child, all parents/guardians will abide by the following guidelines:

- You will remember that your child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not yours.
- You will ensure your child regularly attends all practices and games to the best of your abilities.
- You will ensure the head coach or manager is contacted if your child is unable to attend.
- You will not enter the dressing room before or after games unless given approval by a team official.
- You will not enter the player's bench during games unless called upon by a team official.
- You will encourage your child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
- You will teach your child that doing one's best is more important than winning so that your child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game.
- You will not ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- You will not criticize, embarrass or heckle any players, including the opposition.
- You recognize game officials are being developed in the same manner as the players and you will not criticize or question their judgement.
- You will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's hockey games and you will refrain from the use of abusive language at any time in the rinks.
- You understand that your conduct reflects on the RHA program at practices, games, hotels and other team events.
- You will leave the coaching to the coaching staff.
- You will not encourage your child to play the game in a manner inconsistent with team strategies or plans.
- You will communicate any private concerns to the team manager or head coach to ensure issues are resolved promptly and respectfully.
- You will work in conjunction with the coaching staff to maintain a positive school attitude and performance by your child.
- You will respect the coaches and managers who give their time for your child to play hockey.
- You will remember that children learn by example.