

# SPORTSMANSHIP

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A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie stands in the center of an empty hockey arena. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The arena seats are red and arranged in a circular pattern around the ice rink. The lighting is dramatic, with the man well-lit against the darker background of the arena.

“LEADERSHIP AND  
SPORTSMANSHIP  
STARTS IN THE  
STANDS AND IT  
STARTS WITH YOU.”

TREVOR LINDEN  
PRESIDENT OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS,  
VANCOUVER CANUCKS

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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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**What if kids pressured us the way we pressure them?**

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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

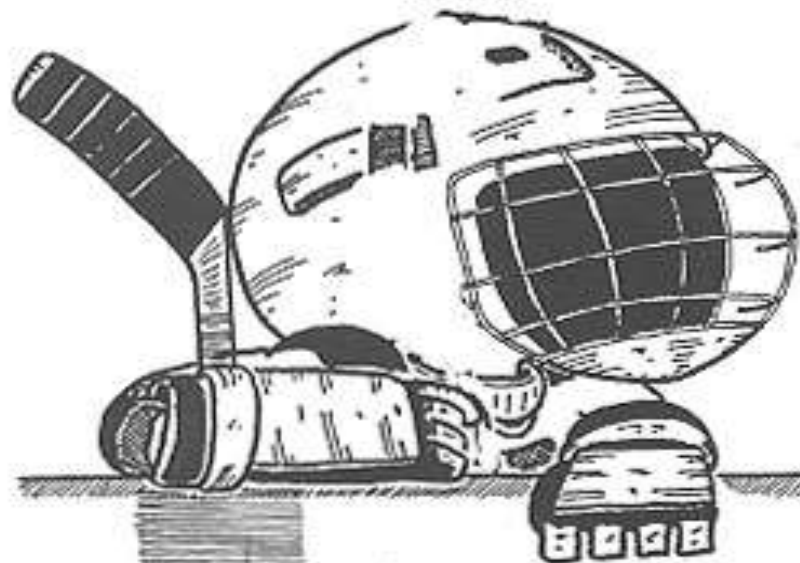


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I know you're upset about this penalty, Jason. But You never, ever scream at or assault the referee.... That's your parents' job.

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



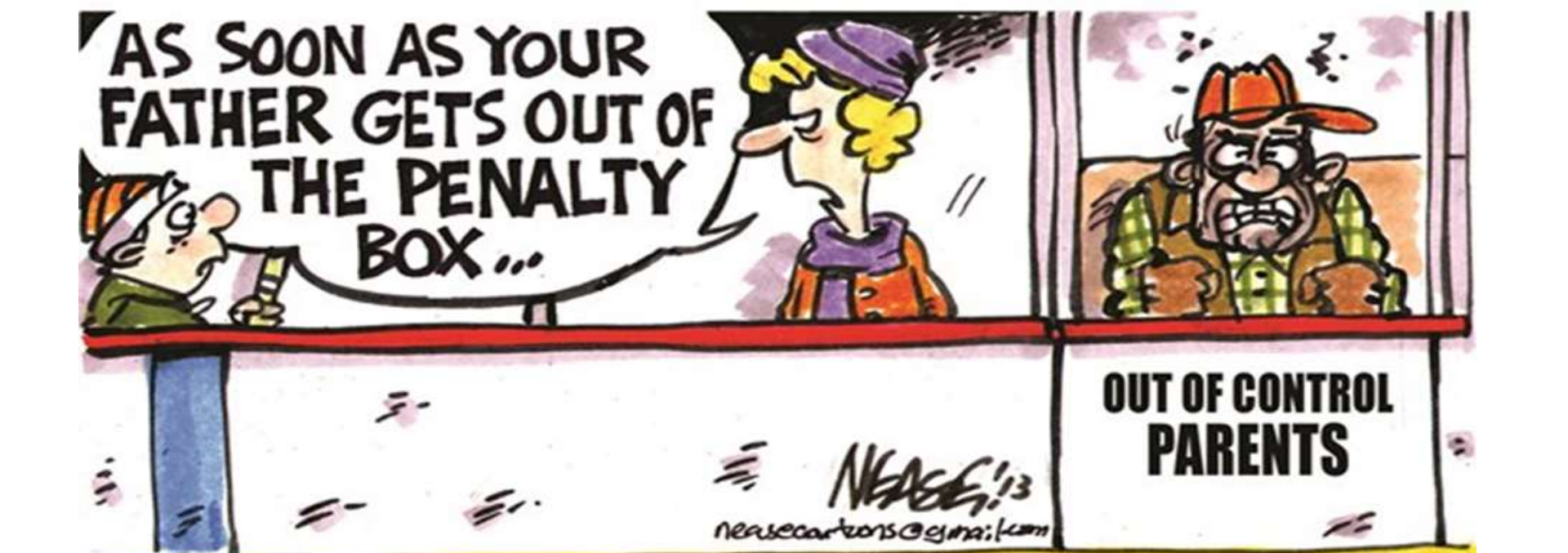
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WHEN CAN WE  
GO HOME, MOM?



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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# TCFIHA Policies

## PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

TCFIHA has expectations for the conduct of all players. TCFIHA hockey players will:

- play hockey because they want to
- show proper respect towards other players, coaches, and referees
- attend all team events – i.e. practices, games, and dryland training
- work to improve their hockey skills
- display good sportsmanship on and off the ice
- act as ambassadors for TCFIHA when travelling



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# TCFIHA Policies

## PARENT EXPECTATIONS

TCFIHA expects parents of players will:

- not force their children to participate in hockey
- remember that their children play hockey for their own enjoyment (not the parent's)
- encourage their children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- teach their children that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that their children will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game
- make their children feel like winners every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard
- never ridicule or yell at their children for making a mistake or losing a game
- remember that children learn best by example
- applaud good plays/performances by both their children's team and their opponents
- never question the official's judgment or honesty in public
- support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's hockey games
- respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to coach hockey for the child
- notify coaches as soon as possible if their children are not able to attend a team event



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# TCFIHA Policies

## COACH EXPECTATIONS

Aside from required Coach Credentials, and the fundamentals outlined in Hockey Canada's Respect in Sport Program, TCFIHA expects its coaches to:

- be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations
- ask players to arrive at the arena no more than 1 hour before any game or practice
- teach players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials and other players
- ensure that all players get equal instruction, support and playing time
- not ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for performing poorly
- remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves
- make sure that equipment and facilities are safe and match the players' ages and abilities
- remember that participants need a coach they can respect
- be generous with praise and set a good example
- obtain proper training and continue to upgrade coaching skills
- work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game
- communicate and get concurrence from parents as soon as possible for any tournament that the team plans to attend.



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# Complaint Procedure

In the event that during the season you or your daughter encounters a concern, problem or have a complaint, it is requested that you endeavor to resolve the issue through the Team Manager. It is the Team Manager's responsibility to arrange, as appropriate, a meeting between the coach, players and parents. If the meeting does not adequately resolve the issue, it is urged that you forward a letter to the Division Coordinator, who will bring issues, if unresolved, to the Executive Committee.

On issues involving harassment, abuse and inappropriate conduct, written letters of complaint may be submitted to the Risk Manager: Joe Mikita

The three-member Disciplinary Committee will deal with this issue. This Committee is chaired by the Risk Manager and includes a Vice-President and one board member to be appointed by the President, or 3 members of the association who are felt to be unbiased and impartial



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