

Bethel Park Inline Hockey Booster Association Code of Conduct

MISSION

Bethel Park Inline Hockey Booster Association (BPIHBA) is committed in promoting the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play at all levels. We strive to develop and realize individual and team potential by promoting high standards of competence, character, civility, and sportsmanship. BPIHA is aware that players participate in sports for many reasons, such as enjoyment, participation, competition and personal improvement. We hope players will learn worthwhile life-lessons of teamwork, discipline, hard work, cooperation, and fitness.

GUIDELINES

Every player, coach and parent represents the Bethel Park School District and Bethel Park Inline Hockey Association. All members of BPIHBA, players, parents and coaches, are to understand that a player's obligation is to support the team, participate to the best of one's ability, learn the game of Inline hockey, and strive to become the best possible teammate and sportsman. All of us represent and contribute to the good reputation of Bethel Park School District and Bethel Park In-line Hockey Booster Association.

The BPIHBA recognizes that school, religious, and family activities take priority over hockey. But like other school sports, we expect that players make In-line hockey a priority and make every reasonable effort to attend all practices, games, tournaments, and events. Priority in team formation may be given to those who are willing to make such a commitment. Players may be asked before teams are formed to indicate their involvement in other sports and activities, and their expected level of commitment to the program.

Any inappropriate behavior or attitude will be addressed and may result in the suspension of a player, coach or parent from a game or for the season. While the games are often competitive, providing a fun, social atmosphere and promoting good sportsmanlike behavior among participants and spectators are of primary concern. The game atmosphere should remain good-natured and the participants and spectators should maintain good sportsmanship throughout their participation in all facets of the program.

All coaches, parents and players will read, agree and sign acceptance of the BPIHBA Code of Conduct Policy as shown below.

SUMMARY EXPECTATIONS

BPIHBA expect coaches to:

- Be knowledgeable of the sport and demonstrate and reinforce its skills
- Teach fundamentals of hockey: skating, stick-handling, shooting and passing
- Always exemplify the very best courtesy, manners, and sportsmanship
- Work with the players in promoting harmony, teamwork and cooperation
- Exhibit fairness in dealing with all players and parents
- Be a positive role model for the athletes and young kids
- Communicate effectively with players and parents in matters related to team goals
- Remind players of their responsibilities and expectations
- Do not argue with or verbally bash other players, parents, coaches or referees
- Make decisions fairly and as necessary to keep with team and BPIHA objectives
- Adhere to the BPIHA Code of Conduct Policy

BPIHBA expect players to:

- Respect the position, decisions, and the requests of the coaches
- Always exemplify the very best courtesy, manners and sportsmanship
- Adhere to and follow the rules imposed by the coaches
- Give the very best effort and performance possible, both in practice and during games
- Be faithful in attending practice and games
- Cooperate fully with the coaches and teammates in striving to achieve the team's goals
- Put the needs of the team before individual needs
- Maintain acceptable behavior before, during and after games
- *Never* use violence as a means to an end
- Be a positive role model for other athletes and young kids
- Be respectful of all official's decisions
- Do not argue with or verbally bash other players, parents, coaches or referees
- Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the sport
- Adhere to the BPIHA Code of Conduct Policy

BPIHBA expects parents to:

- Help child fulfill the expectations of a player as stated above
 - Expect and encourage their daughter/son to always exemplify the best effort and performance possible
 - Be a positive role model for the athletes and young kids
 - Do not argue with or verbally bash players, parents, coaches or referees
 - Practice a *24 hour cool down period* after any game or practice before initiating potential constructive critiquing conversations with coaches or players. Arrange a private meeting with the coach apart from the time of practice and before/after games to discuss matters which may be confrontational
 - Respect the coach's decisions regarding playing time and strategies
 - Conduct self in a courteous manner when dealing with a coach, opposing players, officials, or fans
 - Show respect for the opposing players, coaches and spectators
 - Be respectful of all officials decisions
 - Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the sport
 - Adhere to the BPIHA Code of Conduct Policy
- Adhere to a 24 hour cool down period after any game or practice before presenting any complaints or issues to the coaches. Arrange a private meeting with the coach to discuss any matters which may be confrontational.*

