



## CODE OF CONDUCT

### Queenstown Ice Hockey Club

The following codes of conduct work in conjunction with Queenstown Ice Hockey Club's Health and Safety and Safe Sport Ice Hockey policies.

#### Player's Code of Conduct (Senior)

*I will:*

- conduct myself in accordance with the principles of dignity, integrity, responsibility and respect for others;
- support and encourage my teammates;
- demonstrate good sportsmanship;
- never engage in abusive, bullying, harassing, or violent behavior;
- never argue with an on-ice official's decision.
- acknowledge that playing ice hockey under the influence of alcohol is unacceptable and that the use of illicit drugs is prohibited by law.

#### Player's Code of Conduct (Junior)

*I will:*

- play for fun;
- learn the rules and play by them (I will always be a good sport);
- work hard to improve my skills;
- be a team player;
- learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.

*I will respect my teammates. In particular, I will:*

- support and encourage them at all times and offer only constructive criticism about their performance, and
- never engage in abusive, bullying, or harassing behavior, and
- report any bullying or harassment I become aware of to a coach or a manager.

*I will respect my parents, my opponents, my coaches, and the officials. In particular, I will:*

- never argue with a coach's decision, and
- never argue with an on-ice official's decision.

*I will not possess, use, or distribute tobacco, vaping, alcohol, legal stimulants (e.g., party pills), or illicit drugs at or in connection with any QIHC event.*

#### Parent's Code of Conduct

*I will:*

- encourage my child to play by the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions;
- teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents;
- applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents;
- make positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort;

- support my child's efforts and performance, emphasizing skill development and practice;
- never yell at or physically abuse my child after a game or practice;
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background;
- recognize the importance of volunteer coaches and respect decisions at practices and during games;
- know the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice (this helps the development and support of the game; unnecessary criticism of the officials only hurts the game);
- conduct myself in an adult manner at all QIHC sanctioned events, including never yelling at players, coaches or officials;
- learn about the game of ice hockey and consider volunteering to help QIHC in its mission to provide and develop ice hockey in Queenstown.

### **Spectator's Code of Conduct**

*I will:*

- display good sportsmanship;
- respect players, coaches and officials;
- act responsibly and with dignity, integrity and respect for others (and not taunt or disturb other fans);
- cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play;
- not boo opponents or use profanity or objectionable cheers or gestures;
- help provide a safe and fun environment (and not throw any items on the ice surface);
- will not lean over or pound on the glass);
- support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity;
- be responsible for their own safety (staying alert to flying pucks and other avoidable situations);
- respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials;
- be supportive after the game—win or lose—and recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

### **Coach's and Manager's Code of Conduct**

*I will:*

- conduct myself in accordance with the principles of dignity, integrity, responsibility and respect for others;
- remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the game;
- be a positive role model, displaying control, respect and professionalism to all involved in ice hockey, including opponents, officials, coaches, officials, parents and spectators;
- remain alert to the physical safety of the players;
- be generous with my praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just;
- neither criticize players publicly nor yell at players nor abuse players in any way;
- adjust to the personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach players the basics; encourage participants to be team players;
- strive to be a more effective communicator and coach, including understanding the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey and current coaching practices;
- organize fun and challenging practices;
- be concerned with the overall development of the players;

- remain alert for incidents of abuse, bullying, or harassment, ready to respond appropriately to allegations or disclosures, and comply with QIHC and NZIHF policies to prevent physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, bullying, or harassment;
- maintain an open line of communication with players' parents;
- acknowledge that participating in practices or games under the influence of alcohol is unacceptable and that the use of illicit drugs is prohibited by law.

### **On-Ice Official's Code of Conduct**

*I will:*

- conduct myself in accordance with the principles of dignity, integrity, responsibility and respect for others;
- carry out my duties to the best of my ability and training in every game I officiate;
- apply the rules of the game as fairly and as accurately as possible at all times;
- uphold the right and safety of all hockey participants and accordingly penalise all injury-potential infractions;
- continue to improve my knowledge of the IIHF's playing rules, policies and procedures;
- seek to raise the standard of play in each game that I officiate;
- accept the fact that I will make mistakes, but will not get frustrated or let this learning process affect my performance or my professional integrity;
- respect the players, coaches and fans;
- respect and support my superiors and fellow on-ice and off-ice officials at all times, even when I am a spectator or a player;
- respect and accept constructive feedback from my supervisors and mentors, including the assignments I receive from my administrators;
- acknowledge that the use of alcohol is unacceptable on game days and that the use of illicit drugs is prohibited by law.

### **Off-Ice Official's Code of Conduct**

*I will:*

- conduct myself in accordance with the principles of dignity, integrity, responsibility and respect for others;
- carry out my duties to the best of my ability and training;
- respect the players, coaches and fans;
- respect and support my superiors and on-ice and fellow off-ice officials at all times, even when I am a spectator or a player;
- acknowledge that alcohol at the score bench is unacceptable and that the use of illicit drugs is prohibited by law.

\*adapted from:

International Ice Hockey Federation, *Code of Conduct*

([http://www.iihf.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/PDF/The IIHF/IIHF Code of Conduct.pdf](http://www.iihf.com/fileadmin/user_upload/PDF/The_IIHF/IIHF_Code_of_Conduct.pdf))

New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation, *Codes of Conduct*

(<https://nzicehockey.co.nz/assets/Documents/NZIHF-Codes-of-Conduct.pdf>)

USA Hockey, *Codes of Conduct* (<http://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1015129-codes-of-conduct>)

Ice Hockey Australia, *IHA Officiating Agreement and Code of Behaviour and Ethics*

(<http://www.ihf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/IHA-Officiating-Agreement-and-Code-of-Behaviour-and-Ethics-Form-v1.0-2016.07.06.pdf>)

SPARC, *Codes of Conduct* ([www.sportnz.org.nz/assets/Uploads/attachments/managing.../Codes-of-Conduct.doc](http://www.sportnz.org.nz/assets/Uploads/attachments/managing.../Codes-of-Conduct.doc))