Rivers Minor Hockey

Parents Code of Conduct

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.

2. Remember, children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment - **not yours.**

3. Encourage your child to **always** play by the rules.

4. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as winning, so that the result of the game is accepted without undue disappointment.

5. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship. **Never ridicule** or **yell** at your child, or any other child for making a mistake or losing a game.

6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by your team and by the opposing team.

7. **DO NOT PUBLICLY QUESTION AN OFFICIAL'S JUDGEMENT** and never question their honesty. Remember that most officials are either volunteers or themselves children learning the responsibility of a job. Always use the proper channels for dealing with complaints about officiating. If you aren't aware of the proper procedure ask your coach or executive.

8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.

9. **Refrain from the use of profanity.** Show good sportsmanship at all times.

10. Recognize the value and importance of coaches and officials. They are volunteers giving of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.

11. Be ready to assist the team and the league whenever possible, within the limits of your own time and resources.

12. Ensure your child attends all practices and games **on time** and inform the coach when this is not possible.

13. **Abide by the 24-Hour Rule to eliminate confrontational matters between a coach/manager/parent. The rule is as follows:**
There can be no talking to a coach/manager about a situation that arises that may be confrontational. After 24 hours, the complaint must be submitted to the team manager in writing. If there is a confrontation before 24 hours is up, the following will occur:
First infraction - 1 game suspension
Second infraction - 2 games suspension
Third infraction - season suspension.

READ THIS CODE: REMEMBER IT:
AND USE IT EVERY GAME