

Greater Kingston Hockey Association Code of Conduct

The **Player, Parents or Guardians (collectively referred to as “Participants”)** and family members must agree and/or abide to this Code of Conduct (“Code”) as a condition of membership in the Greater Kingston Hockey Association (“GKHA”). At the start of each season, each of the Participants must sign this Code and return it to the GKHA or one of its associates, prior to beginning ice sessions.

Governing Standards of Conduct

1. We, the participants, understand that being allowed to play hockey with the GKHA is a privilege and that full compliance with the Code is required at all times.
2. I, the Player, agree to abide fully by the rules of the game applicable to the level of play in which my team participates and will maintain an expected high level of conditioning.
3. We, the parents or guardians, understand that we are not allowed to enter dressing room areas, before, during or after ice sessions, unless there is an injury. A player must be able to tie his/her own skates at the Atom level.
4. We, the Participants, understand that we must set an example, and conduct ourselves respectfully and with courtesy towards everyone associated with the game and that our team, the organization and myself will be judged by our behaviour.
5. We, the Participants, understand that any irresponsible or disrespectful behaviour in any facility and /or toward any Coach, Officials, players or parents whether before, during or after a game or practice is inappropriate and will not be tolerated. This will also include behaviour through the Internet and email.
6. We, the Participants, understand that yelling, taunting, use of obscene gestures or language, racial or ethnic slurs, striking or attempting to strike (except allowable on ice body contact under league rules) or otherwise abusing another, Official, Coach or spectator will not be tolerated.
7. We, the Participants, understand that we must abide by and respect the officials and their authority during and at all games, We will not confront officials in a negative manner, before, during or after the game,
8. We, the Participants, will not publicly criticize Coaches, teammates, opponents or Officials, verbally, over the Internet or otherwise and will only raise concerns privately in a civil and respectable manner.
9. During tryouts, practices and games, we will not attempt to discuss problems or issues with a coach or their staff until a 24-hour “cooling off” period. We will follow guidelines set out in the GK Rules of Operations.
10. I, the Player, understand that I am expected to attend every tryout, practice and game to the best of my ability and participate in all skill development sessions where applicable. It is my responsibility to notify my coach, in a timely manner, if I am unable to attend. I understand the repeated absences may result in discipline as determined by my coach. I am expected to attend all mandatory seminars.
11. We, the Participants, understand the winning is not everything and that having fun, improving skills, making friendships, and learning sportsmanship is the primary goal of the GKHA. Winning and losing will be done with equal grace and dignity.
12. We, the Participants, understand that failure to abide by this Code will result in disciplinary actions as set out by this Code or as determined by the GKHA executive members and its Rules of Operation.

I have reviewed this Code of Conduct and will review the OMHA Code of Conduct and the GKHA Code of Conduct located on the GKHA website. As a Player, I have discussed its contents with my Parent or Guardian, who also agree to be bound by the standards outlined above. The signature of one parent/guardian constitutes agreement by all the player’s parents/guardians and their family members to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Player’s Name

Player’s Signature

Date

Parent of Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date