



# **Club Sportif de La Broquerie**

La Broquerie Minor Hockey

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

**2019-20**

The purpose of this document is to clearly state the expectations of parents, players, team officials (coaches, managers etc,) and spectators for the season ahead. Our purpose is to communicate the philosophy to have a safe, hockey season. We encourage open dialogue with all parents and players should any issue arise throughout the season. Please remember why we are all here and most importantly why children participate in sports.

Take some time to review this document with your child to ensure that everybody involved fully understands his or hers responsibilities on the team. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the season, don'thesitate to ask any member of the Club Sportif de La Broquerie.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The La Broquerie Minor Hockey unites minors in a co-operative effort to practice and extend moral standards and ideals. We are committed to creating a hockey program for youth that is fun, where participants can develop and learn the technique and skills of the game, life skills, and good sportsmanship in a safe environment.

#### **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

Good Sportsmanship is expected and required of all players, coaches, parents and spectators. All league, association and Hockey Canada rules will be strictly enforced. All players will treat their own teammates and their opponents with respect. Players will not criticize their teammates, but they will be courteous, supportive and cheer them on in a positive manner. Parents will **NOT** focus on winning or losing, **but rather the growth and development of their child.**

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** The following are guidelines that are expect to be followed:

#### **EXPECTATION of Parents/ or Guardians:**

Incidents of violence and abuse are on the rise in our hockey rinks; not with players on the ice, but parents in the stands. In order to establish a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone, parents are expected to follow the La Broquerie Minor Hockey code of conduct. If you disagree with the Club's philosophy, player development or coaching techniques, contact the coach or manager **in writing**, in a professional, proactive manner. Negative and unfounded rumors towards coaches or players create an air of discomfort for everyone.

I will:

- Support my child with positive encouragement.
- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Manitoba, La Broquerie Minor Hockey and my child's team.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Encourage my child to attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible in a timely manner. Notify the coach/manager ahead of time of absences.
- Respect the facilities, either home or away, in which my child is privileged to play.
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers.
- Show respect for the feelings and accept the capabilities of my child, my child's teammates and players on the other team.
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my child and the Association.
- Avoid confusing my child by coaching from the stands.
- Refrain from expressing my opinion of the coaches or players in front of my own child.
- Refrain from using foul language towards other parents, coaches, officials or opponents.
- Refrain from yelling at or threatening referees, opposing players or coaches before, during, or after games or practices.
- Refrain from demonstrating frustration or anger after a loss or poor performance.
- Not physically abuse any other person.
- Refrain from approaching the bench during a game situation unless summoned by a coach.
- Accept defeat gracefully...love the game above the prize.

### **EXPECTATION of Players:**

I will:

- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Manitoba, La Broquerie Minor Hockey and my team.
- Respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible.
- Be present before games and practices in a timely manner.
- Notify the coach/manager ahead of time if I will be absent.
- Respect the facilities, either home or away, in which I'm privileged to play.
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my team and the Association.
- Refrain from using foul language towards teammates, coaches, officials or opponents.
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers.
- Show respect for the feelings and abilities of the players on the other team.
- Accept the capabilities of other players.
- Accept defeat gracefully...love the game above the prize.

### **EXPECTATIONS of Spectators:**

I will:

- Remember that participants play hockey for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I do not have unrealistic expectations.
- Remember that the players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- Respect official's decisions and encourage participants to do the same.
- Never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game.
- Give positive comments that motivate and encourage a continued effort on and off the ice.
- Not use bad language or harass players, officials, coaches or other spectators.

### **EXPECTATIONS of Team Officials: (Coaches, managers etc.)**

I will:

- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Manitoba, La Broquerie Minor Hockey and my team.
- Act as a leader of my team and act in a highly professional manner at all hockey related activities.
- Be responsible for my behavior and the behavior of my team.
- Respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Show respect to the players and parents of my team.
- Respect the facilities, either home or away, in which my team plays.
- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my team and the Association.
- Refrain from using foul language towards my players, other coaches, officials or opponents.
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment and authority of the officials and timekeepers.
- Show respect for the feelings and abilities of the players on the other team.
- Accept the capabilities of all players.
- Accept defeat gracefully...love the game above the prize.

## **Social Media Code of Conduct for Officials, Players, Parents and or Guardians:**

Face book, Twitter and other social media sites have increased in popularity globally. Parents, players and officials are restricted from creating/posting an account that represents the La Broquerie Minor Hockey or any of its teams without prior consent.

The following are examples of conduct through social media and networking mediums that are considered violations of the Code of Conduct and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Team, Area Association, League and/or Hockey Manitoba.

- Any statement deemed to be publicly critical of the officials (on ice or off ice, including timekeepers) or detrimental to the welfare of a member Team, the Area Association/Hockey Manitoba or an individual.
- Negative or derogatory comments about any of the Team, Area Association/Hockey Manitoba, League and/or Hockey Manitoba staff, programs, stakeholders, players or any member of a Hockey Manitoba Team.
- Any form of bullying, harassment or threats against players, teams or officials.
- Online activity that contradicts the current policies of Hockey Manitoba.
- Inappropriate, derogatory, racist, or sexist comments of any kind, in keeping with the La Broquerie Minor Hockey Code of Conduct.

When using social media and networking mediums, the La Broquerie Minor Hockey community should assume at all times they are representing La Broquerie Minor Hockey and/or its member Associations or Teams. All members of the La Broquerie Minor Hockey community should remember to use the same discretion with social media and networking as they do with other traditional forms of media. Should the identity or image of any member of the La Broquerie Minor Hockey be used in Social Media and networking without the Individual, the Team, the Area Association or La Broquerie Minor Hockey authorization, this is considered to be identity theft. Please notify your La Broquerie Minor Hockey Team management or the La Broquerie Minor Hockey executives immediately.

### **Disciplinary Action:**

Any breach of the Code of Conduct, will not be tolerated. The coach and or manager will handle problems with the players/parents directly as they arise, but if the problem persists; the coach may request a meeting with the player/parents, team officials, and Club executive. It is the intention of team officials to find amicable resolutions to all problems that may arise, but some issues may be resolved by disciplinary actions such as, suspensions, loss of playing time or removal from the team.

Parents/or guardians that directly interfere with the running of the team or team's philosophy, or refuse to abide by the Code of Conduct will be considered problematic, and requested to meet with team officials or Club executive. Any personal attack, verbal or physical on any team official, player, parent or referee, will not be tolerated and the parent or player involved will be subject to disciplinary actions in accordingly with the La Broquerie Minor Hockey Respectful Hockey Procedures.

### **Final Note:**

Remember that your child is participating in sports for: fun, to excel, to learn, for thrills, to meet friends, exercise, become a team player, to develop their skills. Children playing minor hockey should have the chance to participate in the great game of hockey, free of politics, negativity, abuse and harassment. Pressure from parents is the most taxing issue for minor hockey coaches. Parents often focus on their own child excelling, and the team winning hockey games. Wins and losses are far less important to players. Children don't abuse officials, or show a lack of respect until they see their parents and peers doing it. Parents and coaches need to work together to inspire our children to achieve their highest possible level both on and off the ice. Keep in mind that a coach has up to 17 players and 34 parents all with different personalities to deal with. Coaches and team officials are **volunteers** and they dedicate their time for your children.

The experience of hockey should be thrilling, full of life lessons and most of all fun. Remember every time you walk into an arena that your child plays hockey for his/hers enjoyment, not yours. If you are getting a

solid effort from your child, and they are having fun, you should be happy.

## **Agreement/Acknowledgment of the Code of Conduct**

By signing below, I agree to adhere in accordance to the codes detailed in the "Code of Conduct". I understand that behavior contrary to these codes will be dealt with seriously and suspensions from hockey may be imposed.

### **EXPECTATION of Players:**

|                |           |       |
|----------------|-----------|-------|
| _____          | _____     | _____ |
| Name of Player | Signature | Date  |

### **EXPECTATION of Parents/ or Guardians:**

|               |           |       |
|---------------|-----------|-------|
| _____         | _____     | _____ |
| Parent's Name | Signature | Date  |

|               |           |       |
|---------------|-----------|-------|
| _____         | _____     | _____ |
| Parent's Name | Signature | Date  |

### **EXPECTATIONS of Team Officials: (Coaches, managers etc.)**

|                 |           |       |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|
| _____           | _____     | _____ |
| Official's Name | Signature | Date  |

