



## *BOW RIVER BRUINS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION*

### **PARTICIPANTS FAIR PLAY CODES OF CONDUCT**

**The Bow River Bruins Hockey Association (BRBHA) is committed to providing a safe, friendly and welcoming environment where all participants may enjoy the game of hockey. In order to foster an environment and culture of Fair Play, we require all participants to read, acknowledge and conduct themselves in accordance with the applicable codes of conduct.**

It is the intention of these Fair Play pledges to promote proper behaviour and respect for all participants within the BRBHA community. Each participant within our hockey community is expected to continuously observe the principles of Fair Play.

Each member of our community should be aware of not only the expectations for themselves, but also for all other members, and are encouraged to report any behaviours that are contrary to these.

Behaviours contrary to these Fair Play codes of conduct will not be tolerated, and may result in serious disciplinary action. Any observed breaches in these Codes of Conduct may be reported to a coach, team manager, or any BRBHA board member. Depending upon the severity of the situation, the applicable parties may be required to appear before the BRBHA Discipline Committee for disciplinary action.

#### **Fair Play Code of Conduct for all Members of the BRBHA Community:**

- A. I will remember that I am a member of this community, and regardless of where I am I represent the community as a whole, and will represent it accordingly.
- B. I will remember that all children playing hockey within the BRBHA are here for their enjoyment.
- C. I will remember that the BRBHA is comprised of a large number of volunteers, including but not limited to; the Board of Directors, Executive, Coaches, On-Ice helpers, Co-ordinators, Team Managers, etc. all of whom are here to ensure that all participants are having a positive hockey experience.
- D. I will respect all players, including those of opposing associations at all times, recognizing that each is developing in their level of skill.
- E. I will treat all officials with dignity and respect and remember that as with players, they too are developing their skills.
- F. I will not participate in, nor encourage any other member of the community to support any activity that may be construed as abuse, harassment, hazing or bullying.

#### **Fair Play Code of Conduct for the BRBHA Board of Directors and Executive:**

- A. I will adhere to the by-laws of the association.
- B. I will treat all executives, volunteers, parents, players and officials with respect.
- C. I will respect the confidentiality of the association's records, including the personal information of all community members and volunteers.
- D. I will communicate with members within and outside of the association with dignity and respect.
- E. I will treat all communications, including those provided in confidence, with the level of respect expected from the participants.
- F. I will make every effort to answer any questions as honestly and completely as possible where there is no conflict with BRBHA by-laws or confidentiality.

## **Fair Play Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians:**

- A. I will not force my child to participate in hockey.
- B. I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
- C. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
- D. I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game.
- E. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard.
- F. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- G. I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays and performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- H. I will never question the official's judgments or honesty in public. I recognize officials are developed in the same manner as players.
- I. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's hockey games.
- J. I will respect and show appreciation towards the Bow River Bruins Hockey Association, the members of its Board of Directors and Executives and for all of the volunteers who give their time to hockey for my child.

## **Fair Play Code of Conduct for Players**

- A. I will play hockey because I want to, not because others or coaches want me to.
- B. I will play by the rules of hockey and in the spirit of the game.
- C. I will control my temper – fighting or "trash talking" can spoil the activity for everyone.
- D. I will respect my opponents.
- E. I will do my best to be a true team player.
- F. I will remember that having fun, improving skills, making friends, and doing my best are what's important, and that winning isn't everything.
- G. I will acknowledge all good plays and performances – those of my team and my opponents.
- H. I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.
- I. I will remember that I am an ambassador of the game and will conduct myself in a manner that reflects that position.
- J. I will refrain from the use of drugs including cigarettes, chewing tobacco, alcohol, and illegal substances at all team functions and all hockey facilities.

## **Fair Play Code of Conduct for Coaches**

- A. I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations.
- B. I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, and opponents.
- C. I will ensure that all players get equal instruction, support, and playing time.
- D. I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
- E. I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- F. I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example.
- G. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- H. I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game.

## **Fair Play Code of Conduct for Spectators**

- A. I will remember that participants play hockey for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- B. I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- C. I will respect the official's decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
- D. I will never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- E. I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
- F. I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
- G. I will not use improper or profane language at any time, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.