

## WHAT IS THE TEAM FIRST PROGRAM? T.E.A.M First (Together Everyone Achieves More)

**The Team First Program is designed to put FUN and RESPECT at the forefront of our game.**

The Penticton Minor Hockey Association has partnered with BCAHA, the Vancouver Canucks, BC Centre of Excellence, and the Recreation Facilities Association of British Columbia to address the behaviors and attitudes that have become a negative influence in the game of hockey.

The "TEAM FIRST" program was developed around two Important philosophies:

1. The concept of team is greater than the players and the coaches.
2. Sport is built on the ideals of Fair Play.

This BCAHA Development Program revisits the positive social values of Fair Play:

- **INTEGRITY**
- **RESPECT**
- **FAIRNESS**

These are essential elements of the game as we strive to live up to our mission statement.

### TEAM FIRST PARTNERS

*All participants*

*players, parents, volunteers, spectators, coaches, officials and sport administrators are equally responsible "PARTNERS" in this endeavor. Every individual involved must examine their attitude, actions and behaviors and make a personal commitment to the principles of Fair Play.*

**TEAM FIRST COMPONENTS** as adopted by Penticton Minor Hockey Association

The Team First Program consists of the following components:

#### 1. Conduct Management Initiative

- the intent of this initiative is to ensure that the environment in which all PMHA hockey activities take place is as positive as possible for everyone;

- it is the objective of this initiative to address issues arising from the interaction between the game partners at any PMHA sanctioned event in any arena or community venue;

Any member is encouraged to submit a *TEAM 1<sup>st</sup> Incident Report* form if required. Forms are available in the concession or on line at our web site under the FORMS tab.

*This form is to be utilized by anyone in the Penticton Minor Hockey Association to report an incident of unacceptable behavior.*

*An individual is considered to be displaying unacceptable behavior if there is verbally or physically harassing and/or abusing a game player, team official, on-ice official, minor official, spectator or the misuse of an arena or other facility.*

- to foster and enhance mutual respect, understanding and the principals of *good sportsmanship* and *Fair Play* amongst everyone during all PMHA events;
- to promote safety, respect, enjoyment, and good competition;
- to eliminate behaviors and actions which detract from the safe and sportsmanship environment;
- **ZERO** tolerance of any form of abuse and/or harassment.

## **2. CHEVROLET SAFE & FUN PARENT EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS**

- This program is available to all associations from the BCAHA office.

## **3. PARTNERS CONTRACTS**

- The Team First philosophy returns our focus to the conduct and attitude of our game partners by providing them with clearly defined expectations of behavior.
- Partners are not only expected to sign acceptance of these expectations but to abide by these established standards at all PMHA related events.

# FAIR PLAY CODE

## PARENTS

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. .
4. 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 a game/event.
5. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
8. I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public.
9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse form children's sporting activities.
10. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.

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## PLAYERS

1. I will participate because I want to, not just because my' parents or coaches want me to..
2. I will play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
3. I will control my temper - fighting and 'mouthing off' can spoil the activity for everybody.
4. I will respect my opponents.
5. I will do my best to be a true team player.
6. I will remember that winning isn't everything - that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
7. I will acknowledge all good plays/performances - those of my team and of my team and of my opponents.
8. I will remember that coaches and 'officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

# FAIR PLAY CODE

## SPECTATORS

1. I will remember that children play sport for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
2. I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that child athletes are not miniature professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
3. I will respect the officials' decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.
4. I will never ridicule an athlete for making a mistake during a competition. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
5. I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and league officials.
6. I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.
7. I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.

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## ORGANIZERS

1. I will do my best to see that all children are given the same chance to participate, regardless of gender, ability, ethnic background or race.
2. I will absolutely discourage any sport program from becoming primarily an entertainment for the spectators.
3. I will make sure that all equipment and facilities are safe and match the athletes' ages and abilities.
4. I will make sure that the age and maturity level of the children are considered in program development, rule enforcement and scheduling.
5. I will remember that play is done for its own sake and make sure that winning is kept in proper perspective.
6. I will distribute the fair play codes to spectators, coaches, athletes, officials, parents and media.
7. I will make sure that coaches and officials are capable of promoting fair play as well as the development of good technical skills, and I will encourage them to become certified.