



## **BURLINGTON JR. RAIDERS PARENTAL/GUARDIAN/FAMILY CODE OF CONDUCT**

We welcome you and your family to the 2025-26 Burlington Jr. Raiders Hockey Club season. We are excited to be working with your child(ren) to help them develop as a hockey player and grow as a person.

To help us with this, and to maximize the enjoyment of the game for everyone involved, the Burlington Jr. Raiders Hockey Club has established a Code of Conduct for parents, guardians, and family members. This is common practice among most minor hockey organizations and is designed to create a fun, healthy environment and to keep what is truly important top-of-mind.

### **My Commitment to the Team & Coaches:**

1. I will do my best to ensure that my player(s) arrive at the rink on time according to the coach's requirements and will communicate to the coach and/or team manager as early as possible any planned absences, absences due to unforeseen circumstances, and lateness.
2. I will ensure that my player(s) are fully prepared for each game and that they have all their equipment with them when they arrive at the rink. I will do so in keeping with our parental practices and encourage our player(s) to be responsible for their equipment.
3. I will not coach or instruct my child(ren), or other players, from the stands.
4. I understand that hockey is a game that is played for fun and that winning is an added element for my player(s) and us as parents/guardians/family. If I am upset with something that has happened in a game, practice, skills development session, or any other aspect involving the coaches and/or instructors, I will observe a 24 hour 'cooling off' period before addressing the coaches and/or instructors.
5. When I do feel the need to address issues and concerns with the coaches/instructors, I will do so in a calm and constructive manner and listen to what they have to say.
6. If I am not comfortable approaching the coaches/instructors or feel that their response has not been satisfactory, I will first contact the team's parent liaison for direction. At their discretion, the team parent liaison may contact the lead parent liaison of the Burlington Jr. Raiders.
7. I recognize that the coaches, managers, and trainers are volunteers and give their time without the expectation of compensation. They are not professional coaches, but parents just like me and I will treat them respectfully, even when I do not agree with their approach.

### **My Commitment to the Burlington Jr. Raiders and the Game of Hockey:**

1. I understand that minor hockey is a game played by children for their fun and enjoyment.
2. I understand that minor hockey is not about me as a parent/guardian and will support the team and all players.
3. I will do my best to represent my child(ren) and the Burlington Jr. Raiders in a positive manner at all games, practices, team function and whenever/wherever my child(ren) is wearing the Raiders logo.
4. I will encourage my child(ren).
5. I will not criticize other players, coaches.
6. I will cheer and support the team and set a good example for not only my child(ren) but their teammates as well.
7. I will not engage in any negative or confrontational behaviour with the parents/coaches of opposing teams. If a parent(s) and/or coach(es) from another team is acting in an unacceptable manner, I will do my best to ignore them and, if necessary, bring to the attention of Jr. Raiders staff or, when playing at another team's facility, to the attention of arena staff, any behaviour that I feel is threatening, demeaning, or disrespectful. If the situation gets to the point where we feel it is unsafe, I will seek alternative help to handle the situation rather than try to resolve it myself.

8. I will not yell and scream at opposing players and coaches and will do my best to acknowledge them in a positive manner.

**My Commitment to Referees and Off-Ice Officials.**

1. I understand that while they are doing a job for which they are paid, the referees and linesmen are, like coaches, giving their time so that my child(ren) can play the game of hockey and, without them, the games would not be possible.
2. I understand that the referees are not at NHL level of skill and knowledge and will miss calls or make calls with which I do not agree.
3. I will not yell or scream at the referees, linesmen and off-ice officials and understand that they are doing their best.
4. If I do become upset at how the game is being officiated, I will have a personal strategy ready such as taking a 'time-out' walk away from the spectator area, count to 10, etc.
5. I understand that verbally abusing officials paints the Jr. Raiders in a negative light and can affect how the on-ice officials perceive the game.
6. I will let the coaches handle ALL matters involving on and off-ice officials.
7. I will not yell at the off-ice officials (i.e. the timekeeper) in a negative manner if they make a mistake and understand that they are usually of school age and working out of their enjoyment of the game. As with referees, without them, there is no game.

**My Commitment to the Opposing Team:**

1. I will, at all times, be respectful of the opposing team, coaches, parents, etc.
2. I understand that incidents may arise in a game between the players/teams. When this occurs, I will not yell at or otherwise engage with the other team's players, coaching staff, and parents. I understand that they too are likely upset and what is happening and will therefore set the better example of how to behave.
3. If asked, I will be helpful to members of the opposing team and help them to enjoy their experience when playing against the Raiders.
4. When attending a game at the opposing team's facility, I will treat the facility with respect by not leaving my/our garbage in the seats/floor of the spectator area, damaging the facility, etc.
5. I will treat facility staff of the opposing teams with courtesy and respect.

I understand that any non-adherence to this Code of Conduct may result in a meeting with the Club Executive to discuss corrective action and, should the non-adherence continue, the loss of playing privileges for my child(ren).

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