

# BURLINGTON JR. RAIDERS PLAYER 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 you and helping you to develop as a hockey player, grow as a person and, most of all, get the most enjoyment possible out of the season.

To help us with this, and to maximize the enjoyment of the game for everyone involved, the Burlington Jr. Raiders has established a Code of Conduct for Players. 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 ensure that I 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 I am fully prepared for each game and have all of my equipment with me when I arrive at the rink. I understand that I am responsible for all my equipment, sharpened skates, and team uniform.
- 3. I understand that hockey is a game that is played for fun and that winning adds to the enjoyment. If I am upset with something that has happened in the game, practice, skills development session, or any other aspect involving the coaches and/or instructors, I will bring this to the attention my parent(s) and make sure that they wait 24 hours before speaking to the coach. If I am old enough to feel I can speak to the coach(es), I will do so after the 24-hour waiting period and will speak to them in a calm tone and allow them to respond to my questions.
- 4. 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 mine and I will always treat them respectfully.
- 5. I will treat all my teammates with respect and not demean, offend, criticize, or make harmful comments about them either directly to them or to other players, and my friends away from hockey. I will not bully any of my teammates and understand that doing so will result in my being suspended or removed from the team.
- 6. I will limit my social media to the guidelines that my parents have set for me and promise to not post anything negative, mean, embarrassing to or critical of my teammates. Any social media I share with my teammates will be age appropriate and free of any content that may offend my teammates.
- 7. I will not participate in any on-ice behaviour or 'mouthing-off' that is offensive, disrespectful, hateful, homophobic, transphobic, and racial. I understand that doing so can result in my being suspended by the Minor Hockey Alliance and/or the Jr. Raiders as well as possible removal from the team.

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

- 1. I understand that minor hockey is a game played for fun and enjoyment.
- 2. I understand that minor hockey is not just about me as a player and will support the team and all players by being a good teammate and an unselfish player.
- 3. I will do my best to represent the Burlington Jr. Raiders in a positive manner at all games, practices, team function and whenever/wherever I am wearing the Raiders logo.
- 4. I will not criticize players or coaches from my team or the teams we play against.
- 5. I will cheer and support the team and set a good example for my teammates as well.
- 6. I will make my education my priority and understand that if my schoolwork suffers due to hockey, my coaches and parents may have to adjust my schedule to get me back on track.

## 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 I 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. I will accept their calls and let my coaches speak to the referees when they feel it is required.
- 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 speak to the coaches about it in a calm manner and let them determine how to handle the situation.
- 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.

### My Commitment to the Opposing Team:

- 1. I will always be respectful of the opposing team, coaches, parents, etc.
- 2. I understand that incidents may happen during a game that may make me angry and want to retaliate. I will do my best to not engage with an opposing player in any physical engagement that is not within the rules of the game while not putting myself and/or my teammates at risk of injury.
- 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 garbage in the dressing room 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.

Player Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature
Player Name (Print)	Parent/Guardian Name (Print)
Email address	Email address
Preferred Phone No.	Preferred Phone No.