

PARENT/SPECTATOR ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY & FAIR PLAY PLEDGE

Parents are expected to be a positive role model by treating all players, coaches, officials and fellow spectators with respect and support. The game will be stopped by game officials when parents/ spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/ spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by GGHA or local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- **Use of obscene, profane or abusive language to anyone at any time.**
- **Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.**
- **Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard or form of harassment.**

We promote fair play and positivity by showing respect for all participants within the Guelph Girls Hockey Association. All parents/spectators are responsible for encouraging and promoting fair play by signing this pledge before being allowed to participate in the Guelph Girls Hockey system and must continue to observe these principles:

- **I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.**
- **I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches and I will encourage open communication with them at all times.**
- **I will remember that participants play hockey for their enjoyment, not for mine.**
- **I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort. I will not ridicule any player for making mistakes during a game.**
- **I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility, violence or verbal abuse.**
- **I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that players are not professionals and cannot be judged for making mistakes during a game.**
- **I will respect the official's decisions and I will encourage participants to do the same.**
- **I will show respect for my team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.**
- **I will not approach coaching staff when emotions are high. I will wait a 24 hour period to discuss any issues of concern.**

**I agree to abide by the principles of the PARENT ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY & FAIR PLAY PLEDGE as set forth by the Guelph Girls Hockey Association. As a parent/guardian I will abide by the above policy and understand that any disciplinary action due to failure to comply may affect my child's membership with GGHA.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(s) (PRINT)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE(s)
