

Ringette Association of Saskatchewan (RAS)

Parent Code of Conduct

Purpose

1. This agreement is designed to establish an understanding that a parent's attitude toward sport has a significant influence and impact his/her child's experience and long-term enjoyment of the game of ringette. Parent conduct also affects the team, the coaches, the officials, the Association, and the sport. By registering your child, it is implied that you understand and agree to be responsible and accountable for your actions.

Responsibilities

Parents/Guardians have a responsibility to:

2. Allow your child to establish their own goals, their own relationships, their own identity, and to play the game for themselves. Your child is playing ringette, not you. Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals.
3. Be a positive role model. Children learn best by example. Applaud good plays/performances by both your child's team and their opponents. Show respect and sportsmanship to coaches, referees, teammates, opponents and other spectators.
4. Encourage your child to always play by the rules of ringette, the policies of the team, and the principles of good sportsmanship
5. Empower your child to rise to the expectations of their coach, their teammates, and their Association and teach them to be accountable for their words, decisions, and actions.
6. Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit the child over winning. De-emphasize games and competition so that your child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory; winning isn't everything.
7. Recognize and appreciate the importance of coaches, as they are vital to the development of your child and the sport of ringette. Coaches volunteer their time to make your child's ringette experience a positive one. Communicate with them and support them. Never voice criticisms or concerns towards coaches, referees, administrators, or other players in front of any player. Refrain from coaching and officiating from the stands.
8. Communicate openly, respectfully, and constructively with your child's coach or team staff in the spirit of team effort if there is a concern, recognizing that you may not always agree with the coach. Take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place, giving at least 24 hours of space between the incident and the discussion. If the coach or parent feel the presence of a designated 3rd party is needed they're to reach out to the Association Commissioner to

appoint someone removed of bias. Disrespectful or offensive treatment of any coach or team staff is unacceptable under all circumstances and violations will be dealt with promptly and decisively.

9. Respect the decisions and judgments of officials and encourage athletes to do the same. Recognize officials are learning the game in the same way the players are learning the game.

Application of Policy

10. Recognize that you have been given the privilege to represent your child's team, Association, and the sport of ringette. Understand that failure to adhere to this Parent Code of Conduct will result in appropriate disciplinary action or sanctions as determined by the team staff or pursuant to the Association's Discipline and Complaints Policy. An individual who violates this Code during competition may also be ejected from the competition or the playing area.