



Player/Participant Code of Conduct:

- No swearing or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.
- No lashing out at any official no matter what the call is. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
- Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.
- Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting will result in an appearance before the Discipline Committee.
- There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco or use of illegal substance at any team function.
- Conduct self in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc.) during all team functions. Any player or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action.
- Play for fun.
- Work hard to improve skills.
- Be a team player – get along with teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
- Be on time.
- Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Respect coaches, teammates, parents, opponents and officials.
- Never argue with an official's decision.

Parent Code of Conduct:

It is the intention of the Colorado Thunderbirds to promote Fair Play and Respect for all participants. It is expected that all parents read, understand, and adhere to the Parent's Code of Conduct and continue to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Parent's Code throughout the year.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Promote emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
2. Remember that my child plays hockey for his/her enjoyment, not mine.
3. Encourage good sportsmanship through actions
4. Demonstrate positive support for all players.



5. Leave the coaching to the coaching staff.
6. Encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans.
7. Provide support for coaches, officials, and staff working with the athletes to provide a positive experience for all.
8. Demand that my athlete treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with dignity and respect in language, attitude, behavior, and mannerisms, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
9. Emphasize skill development and importance of practices.
10. Understand the benefits and life-lessons from participating in a team sport; the commitment, the discipline and the social skills learned and acquired.
11. Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my athlete or the safety of others.
12. Display good sportsmanship. Respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility, both home and away.
13. Communicate appropriately (in person, over the phone, via email, via text message or by any other means) to any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel, or spectator.
14. Act appropriately. No taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel, or spectator.
15. No making physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel, or spectator.
16. No entering the locker/dressing room of an opposing team or official or obstructing their access to said room.
17. No using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms.
18. No going onto the ice surface or throwing any object onto the ice surface.
19. No pounding or climbing on the glass, or defacing or destroying property belonging to any individual, team, association, or arena.
20. No involvement in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials.
21. No inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above negative behaviors.
22. No involvement in any conduct that is not in compliance with the tenets of USA Hockey. Please adhere to the 24 hour rule.
23. Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sports.
24. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment; Make it fun.
25. Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
26. Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
27. Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.



28. Know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
29. Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice - it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
30. Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport.
31. Communicate with them and support them.
32. If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey - and volunteer.

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
- Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
- Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing any items on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials.
- Do not lean over or pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.
- Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety - be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
- Be supportive after the game - win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.