***Code of Conduct***

This code of conduct identifies the standard of behaviour expected of all BMHA (OMHA) members and participants. For this policy, it shall include all players, parents, coaches, team officials, committee members and directors involved in all activities and events with the BMHA.

The BMHA/OMHA is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Members and participants of the BMHA shall always conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the values of the BMHA/OMHA, which includes fairness, integrity, and mutual respect.

During all BMHA activities and events, members shall avoid behaviours which bring the BMHA/OMHA or the sport of hockey into disrepute. This can include, but is not limited to abusive use of alcohol, use of non-medicinal drugs as well as the the use of alcohol, Cigarettes and Vapes by minors.

All BMHA/OMHA members and participants shall adhere to the Constitution, Bylaws and Operational policies governing BMHA/OMHA events. Members shall not engage in any such activity or behaviour which interferes with a competition or with any player or team that is preparing for a competition, or which endangers the safety of others.

Members of the BMHA shall refrain from comments and behaviour that is disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist, or sexist. In particular behaviour that constitutes harassment or abuse will not be tolerated and will be dealt with under the OMHA Harassment and Abuse Policy.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the policy of the OMHA. Such actions may result in the member losing privileges including the opportunity to participate in BMHA/OMHA activities and events, both present and in the future.

For the Good of the Game is an OMHA initiative for players, parents, spectators, and coaches. Through your player registration you have agreed to adhere to this code of conduct. These documents are available for viewing on the BMHA website.

***Participation Codes***

1. To develop individual and team skills to their fullest potential.
2. To encourage everyone to participate.
3. To promote the respect of fellow teammates and competitors through fair play.
4. To ensure that all those who play have fun.

Players’ Codes

1. Play for the “fun of it,” not just to please your parents or coach.
2. Play by the rules.
3. Never argue with the official’s decision. Let your coach ask any necessary questions.
4. Control your temper.
5. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.
6. Be a good sport.
7. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
8. Cooperate with your coach, teammates, opponents, and officials for without them you do not have a game.

Coach’s Code

1. Be reasonable in your demands on the young players’ time, energy, and enthusiasm. Remember they have other interests as well.
2. Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no one should evade or break.
3. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
4. Develop team respect for opponents' ability and for the judgment of the officials and opposing coaches.
5. Follow the advice of a physician when determining an injured player’s ability to resume play.
6. Remember that children need a coach they can respect. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example.
7. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed on sound coaching principals and the principals of growth and development of children.

Parents’ Code

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.
2. Remember, children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the results of each game are accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays and be positive.
6. Do not publicly question the official’s judgment and never question their honesty.
7. Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it.
8. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making mistakes or losing a competition.