

**FENELON FALLS & DISTRICT  
MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

***PARENT GUIDE***

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Hi Parents:

This booklet has been drawn up as a reference guide for parents, players, and volunteers with the Fenelon Falls & District Minor Hockey Association (FFDMHA).

In an effort to better inform our members and volunteers, the Executive has drawn up this booklet to give all parties involved with the organization a better understanding of the expectations, duties, rules and obligations.

We have attempted to cover all aspects of the organization, but since this is the original draft, we might have missed something. It is intended that this booklet be updated every summer prior to the start of the hockey season and distributed to the members. If you have a question or concern please feel free to ask any member of the executive. Within this booklet you will find out who to contact and how to do so.

The purpose of this booklet is to improve the lines of communication and give parents, players, coaches and volunteers the information required to better enjoy their hockey experience. If you would like more information please request a copy of the Constitution and the Manual of Operations.

Sincerely,

The Executive

FENELON FALLS & DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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### **Directors for 2008-09 are:**

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### **Volunteer Hours:**

Each family is required to pay a \$100 fundraising fee at registration. Parents (or older children) can earn this fee back by volunteering to help the executive with any of their fundraising ventures or work in the snack bar. Included in this booklet is a Volunteer form. This should be completed as you volunteer your time and upon completion of 10 hours, given to the Treasurer for return of your \$100 fee. **NOTE: Time worked in the time box does NOT count as a fundraising venture and therefore cannot be claimed toward the fundraising fee.**

### **Gate Fees:**

Parents & siblings must pay the required gate fee to enter the arena for a game (home or away). Season passes for home games are available.

### **Expectations of parents:**

It must be understood that your registration fee pays for a portion of the ice costs ONLY. The experience your child has with Minor Hockey depends on volunteers. Volunteers are required as executive members, directors, coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, trainers, parent reps and to assist with executive fundraising ventures. One parent from each team will be responsible for maintaining up to date schedules and statistics on their teams' web pages. In addition, it is expected that parents will run the time clock for home games, assist with team approved fundraising ventures and help throughout the day of their child's home tournament, etc. etc.

### **On-Ice Volunteers**

All registered Coaching staffs are insured to be on the ice with any FFDMHA team. Parents that are not registered to a FFDMHA coaching staff are not insured and therefore, not permitted on the ice for any FFDMHA allocated ice time. The only exception is if the team's head coach has requested, and been approved by the SUPERVISOR OF COACHES, to allow the volunteer on the ice after completing an on-ice volunteer form. (Must be completed and sent to the OMHA by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>)

### **Parents Code** (as set out in the Manual of Operations)

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 an honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Turn defeat to victory, by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by your team AND by members of the opposing team.
7. Do not publicly question the officials' judgement and never their honesty.
8. Support **ALL** efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
9. Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.
10. **Set an example by supporting and respecting your child's coach.** Should problems arise, communicate on an individual basis. Public comments are not appropriate.

If a conflict or problem with the coaching staff cannot be resolved satisfactorily, the next step would be to take your concerns to the SUPERVISOR OF COACHES & MANAGERS.

Please show respect for the referees. You may not agree with every call, but the referee is usually in a better position to see and ultimately it is his/her decision. They are not perfect, as none of us are, and will make the odd mistake. Yelling at them will not change the call or lack thereof. If you have a particular concern about any referee, you should put this in writing to the REFEREE-IN-CHIEF.

There is a progressive discipline process in place for players. For more information, refer to the "Manual of Operations".

## **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

1. Playing in other leagues – players in FFDMA are not allowed to participate in any other leagues governed by the Ontario Hockey Federation with the exception of High School hockey and AAA affiliation.
2. Body Checking – Body checking is only allowed in Pee Wee and above.
3. Conduct & Discipline – Please refer to the Manual of Operations. There is a “Conflict Resolution” committee in place to deal with matters. If you have a concern please put it in writing and forward to the “SUPERVISOR OF COACHES & MANAGERS”.
4. “Affiliated players” are players who are asked to play on an occasional basis with the team one level above their own level. Permission must be obtained from both the coach and parents of any players “affiliated” to another team.
5. The Tri-County League is recreational but competitive hockey played against teams within the boundaries of the local league. OMHA hockey is a higher level of competition and is played against teams from a larger area, with playoffs graduating to “All Ontario” championships. Players for OMHA teams will be chosen through try-outs.
6. The Association will provide game socks (to be worn for games only) and home and away game sweaters (property of FFDMA). All other equipment must be provided by parents (with the exception of younger goalies – we have some goalie equipment for loan)
7. Each parent is required to take their turn running the time clock for their child/ren’s games and to assist as requested by the Parent Rep for their home tournament.
8. If your child sustains an injury during a game or practice, an injury report must be completed and forwarded to the Registration Convenor. Regardless of whether your child is injured in hockey or elsewhere, they must obtain a doctor’s certificate in order to return.
9. All registration fees, including fundraising fee and tickets, must be paid in full prior to the player going on the ice.

## **DUTIES OF A PARENT REP**

- a) Responsible for all team approved fundraising. A zero balance statement must be given to all parents, coaching staff and Fundraising Convenor of all team fundraising, outlining each fundraising venture and how much was raised, as well as a detailed account of where these funds were spent prior to August 31<sup>st</sup> following the hockey season.
- b) Prior to any fundraising venture, approval must be obtained from the Executive and a “Fundraising Permission Form” received from the FUNDRAISING CONVENOR.
- c) Must ensure that there are two people at each game to run the time clock and record the game sheet.
- d) Meet with the Tournament Convenor to discuss the team’s duties at their home tournament. A meeting should then be held with the parents to discuss these duties and delegate as required.
- e) Be the liaison person between the parents and the coaching staff.
- f) If a conflict should arise, contact the Supervisor of Coaches and Managers.

*For more information please download a copy of the Constitution and/or Manual of Operations from our website: [www.fenelonfallsminorhockey.com](http://www.fenelonfallsminorhockey.com)*