



RESPECT 4 HOCKEY

Respect4Hockey Award is an initiative to encourage competing hockey teams, team officials (off field staff) and spectator groups to play in the true spirit of the game and show respect for our hockey community as a whole.

Teams that demonstrate the true spirit of hockey will be rewarded with points corresponding to their degree of fair play at the end of each match.

The allocation of points will be decided by the umpires and technical officials and recorded on the match report. An award will be given to the team with the highest number of points accumulated at the end of the 2024 Season.

Points for each team are awarded as follows:

Points	Expectations
3 Points	Exceptional behaviour was demonstrated by the team, coach, manager and spectators. The game was played in the true spirit of hockey showing respect for our team mates, our opposition, the umpires as well as exceptional crowd behaviour.
2 Points	The game was played in good spirit by the team. The players, coach, manager and spectators all demonstrated overall good behaviour and showed respect for our hockey community as a whole.
1 Point	The match was incident-free however the team played with less than ideal spirit. One or more players, the coach, manager and/or spectators demonstrated less than ideal behaviour which does not show an overall respect for our hockey community.
0 points	The team, the coach, manager and/or spectators created a hostile atmosphere. Behaviour was less than acceptable and was in breach of one or more codes of behaviour showing no respect for our hockey community.
-1 Point	The team, the coach, manager and/or spectators demonstrated unacceptable behaviour which interfered with the conduct of the game showing no respect for our hockey community.



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Guiding Principles

- **We are inclusive and unifying** - We come from diverse backgrounds and share different views of the world. We value and celebrate that diversity and we respect the rights, dignity and worth of each other. We are committed to equality and creating an environment free from any form of discrimination
- We respect the umpire's decision - We acknowledge that match officials may make mistakes, but we do not call into question their integrity, abuse or belittle them. We are grateful for the important and challenging role they play in our game. We always show respect for the umpire and other match officials.
- We make safety and welfare our priority - We do not engage in, or allow others to engage in, activities that put the health and safety of participants at risk.
- We encourage others and promote enjoyment of the game - As officials, coaches, umpires, parents and spectators, we recognise that children's hockey is not the World Cup. We provide only positive words of encouragement from the sideline. We do not put undue pressure on children, and we do not promote a "win at all costs" mentality. We recognise that players, coaches and others make mistakes. We are all human.
- We behave appropriately - **We** do not engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour or language. We do not incite or encourage hatred or violence. We do not intimidate or abuse our opponents or officials.
- We play fairly - We play by the rules and the expected standards of fair play.
- We are good sports - We respect good play whether from our team or the opposition. We thank the opposition players and officials after the match and we are gracious – win, lose or draw.
- We respect equipment and property - We do not damage property and we look after our NIHC facilities which we recognise are for the benefit of all in our hockey community.
- We compete to the best of our ability - We train and play with enthusiasm and we encourage and help each other to maximise and reach our potential.
- We hold each other to these Standards - We lead by example. We call out poor behaviour when we see it and we encourage each other to uphold these Principles while participating in any hockey activity.