

FOOTHILLS RECREATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sportsmanship Agreement

The coordinators of the Foothills Recreational Hockey League welcome all players, parents, coaches and volunteers to the 2020-2021 season! The league has been operating since 1995 and was developed in partnership between Bragg Creek, Cochrane, Millarville, Priddis, Canmore and Turner Valley / Black Diamond.

Our vision is to give children in the community who have widely varying hockey abilities an equal (fair play) opportunity to enjoy hockey in a "non-contact" family based environment supportive for learning new skills.

The spirit of the Foothills Recreational Hockey League is to have fun, support each other as we learn how to play hockey, coach or referee and develop good sportsmanship skills. An important objective includes maintaining a strong focus on family by scheduling games on the same day for the different age groups. This makes it easier for all to join the fun.

The game is still hockey, and the "non-contact" aspect presents a challenge for some parents, players, coaches and referees. Everyone involved in our league has a responsibility to recognize this distinction between mainstream and recreational hockey, and to communicate the distinction to all players, especially those who have a tendency towards aggressive play.

This agreement is intended primarily as a clear communication from the Foothills Recreational Hockey League about our zero tolerance of aggressive play and abuse toward any player, coach or referee. All players, parents, coaches and league coordinators are asked to read and sign this agreement:

Player / Parent / Coach **(circle all that apply)**

1. Understand the spirit of the Foothills Recreational Hockey League is to have fun and support each other as we learn how to play hockey, coach or referee.
2. Promise as a player, coach or fan to learn good sportsmanship skills and display good sportsmanship at practices and games.
3. Promise to support the development of volunteer referees and recognize they are an important part of our league.
4. Make the commitment to be in full equipment 15 minutes prior to all practices and 30 minutes prior to games.
5. Understand that aggressive play, fighting or verbal abuse will not be tolerated and may result in a player receiving a game suspension or not being allowed to play in the Foothills Recreational Hockey League.

Parents and Players please print and sign your names:

of _____ (community)