

Tampa Bay Lightning – Ball Hockey Tournaments

Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent or guardian of a player in the Tampa Bay Lightning Ball Hockey tournament, I agree to:

1. Represent the Lightning with Pride

- Conduct myself in a manner that reflects positively on the Tampa Bay Lightning organization during all games of the tournament.
- Wear team gear and colors proudly and respectfully when attending events.

2. Support Respectful Behavior

- Always show respect to referees, coaches, players (on both teams), opposing parents, and all fans.
- Refrain from yelling at, criticizing, or engaging in confrontational behavior with referees, coaches, or opposing spectators.
- Encourage good sportsmanship by setting a positive example.

3. Promote a Positive Experience

- Focus on encouraging my child and teammates rather than criticizing mistakes.
- Understand that this tournament is a free event that prioritizes team development, effort, and enjoyment over winning at all costs.

4. Maintain Appropriate Boundaries

- Allow coaches to coach and avoid sideline coaching or giving instructions from the stands.
- Address any concerns or questions with coaches at an appropriate time and in a respectful manner.

5. Be a Responsible Fan

- Refrain from the use of profanity, abusive language, or gestures at any time.
- Respect the facilities we use and help ensure they are left in good condition.

Player Code of Conduct

As a player playing in the Tampa Bay Lightning Ball Hockey tournament, I agree to:

1. Show Respect at All Times

- Treat referees, teammates, coaches, opponents, and parents with respect—both on and off the ice.
- Accept calls made by officials without arguing or displaying poor sportsmanship.

2. Be a Positive Teammate

- Encourage my teammates and contribute to a supportive and inclusive team culture.
- Avoid negative comments, bullying, or unsportsmanlike behavior.

3. Commit to Effort and Development

- Always give my best effort during games and team activities.
- Be open to feedback and strive to improve as a player and teammate.

4. Follow Team Rules and Expectations

- Arrive on time, prepared, and with a positive attitude for the tournament.
- Respect team schedules and notify coaches promptly of any conflicts.
- Be responsible for all bringing all necessary hockey equipment and apparel.

5. Represent the Lightning with Integrity

- Demonstrate good character and responsibility during the tournament.
- Understand that my actions reflect on my team, my coaches, and the Tampa Bay Lightning organization.

Player and Parent Social Media Conduct

As a participant of the Tampa Bay Lightning Ball Hockey tournament, I understand that my actions on social media can affect my reputation and the reputation of my team. Therefore, I agree to:

1. Use Social Media Responsibly

- Think carefully before posting anything on platforms such as Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, X (Twitter), Facebook, or others.

2. Represent the Lightning Positively Online

- Avoid posting negative or disrespectful comments about teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, parents, or the program.
- Do not share inappropriate, offensive, or harmful content that may reflect poorly on myself, my team, or the Tampa Bay Lightning organization.

3. Respect Privacy

- Do not post photos, videos, or other media of teammates or team events without consent.
- Avoid sharing confidential or team-sensitive information publicly.

4. Avoid Online Bullying or Harassment

- Refrain from participating in or encouraging any form of cyberbullying or harassment.
- Report any online behavior that violates this code to a coach or team representative.

5. Be a Role Model

- Use social media to promote positivity, teamwork, and good sportsmanship.
 - Understand that college recruiters, future coaches, and employers may view my online presence.
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Acknowledgment

By participating in the Tampa Bay Lightning Ball Hockey tournament, both players and parents agree to uphold this Code of Conduct. Violations may result in disciplinary actions, including verbal warnings, game suspensions, or dismissal from the tournament at the discretion of the Lightning staff.