Appendix D: Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

Involvement in Olds Minor Hockey Association is a privilege and not a right. Parents/Guardians involved in Olds Minor Hockey are accountable to the Association for their conduct. This code applies to all parents/guardians. All parents/guardians are expected to always adhere to the following:

As an Olds Minor Hockey parent, I will:

Fair Play:

- Respect and adhere to all ideals, policies and rules determined by Hockey Canada, Hockey Alberta, Olds Minor Hockey Association, and our team's coaches.
- Show respect for the judgement and authority of the officials and coaches by supporting the decisions they make and not undermining their efforts. I will not verbally or otherwise abuse officials or coaches.
- Not approach the bench during a game situation unless summoned by a coach or official.
- Avoid confusing my child by coaching from the stands.

Safety:

- Ensure that my child's equipment is complete, safe and in good condition.
- Encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict in a positive manner without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Show respect before, during and after practices and games by not using abusive or foul language, or harassing players, coaches, officials, spectators, or other participants.
- Maintain self-control at all times.

Positive Competition:

- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude when representing my child, their team, and the Association.
- Avoid unnecessary or exaggerated celebration of a goal scored or a game won that would embarrass or demean the opposing team.
- Refrain from behaviour which may create a negative, hostile or uncomfortable team environment.
- Support the team as a whole, not just my own child. I will not be critical of players, parents, coaches, or officials in the presence of players.
- Show respect for the feelings and abilities of my child, my child's teammates and the players on the opposing team by accepting their capabilities. I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other players for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game, and make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.

Respect:

- Ensure that my child is at practices and games on time, or I will contact the coach ahead of time.

- Attend all parent/guardian meetings scheduled by my child's coach or manager; in my absence, I will accept decisions made by the majority of team parents/guardians.
- If I wish to express concern or make a complaint, I will do so using the appropriate channels and in a positive and constructive manner.

Team Involvement:

- Willingly help with team responsibilities such as fundraising, team laundry, working the clock or penalty box etc.
- Recognize the value and importance of the volunteers who give their time and resources to provide hockey programming for my child.

Appendix D: Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct Acknowledgement and Agreement Pledge

Both parents/guardians (if both parents/guardians are involved with their child's hockey) must sign and return the following to the Executive Administrator of the Association by October 15 to formalize acknowledgement and agreement with the "Positive Participation Policy" and the "Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct".

If the "Positive Participation Policy", "Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct", policies and procedures of the Association are unacceptable to you, the Association will refund your registration fee in accordance with Association bylaws and policy. All parents/guardians within the family unit must complete this form before your child will be permitted to participate in Olds Minor Hockey Association.

Each parent/guardian is required to initial each clause and complete the request below for printed name(s), signature(s), and date:

____ I have read and agree to abide by the "Positive Participation Policy" as set out and adopted by the Olds Minor Hockey Association.

____ I have read and agree to abide by the "Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct" as set out and adopted by the Olds Minor Hockey Association.

___ I have read and agree to abide by the policies and procedures as set out and adopted by the Olds Minor Hockey Association.

Parent/Guardian Name (one): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (two): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____