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## **CANADIAN BLIND HOCKEY CODE OF CONDUCT & DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES**

Canadian Blind Hockey programs have a wide variety of levels of experience, age, skill, and individual competitiveness and only ask that everyone try and play to their own personal best.

We expect:

- No fighting
- No verbal abuse of officials, teammates, or opponents
- No complaints from the hotel or arena staff
- Nothing but positive reviews from everyone involved!

Canadian Blind Hockey reserves the right to remove any individuals from programs or events whose behaviour is found to be contradictory to these guidelines. The final decision will be made by the Board of Directors of Canadian Blind Hockey.

### **VALUES: HOCKEY'S DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES**

Canadian Blind Hockey believes in hockey's "Declaration of Principles" as endorsed by Hockey Canada, the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), the NHL, NHLPA, and 13 other leading hockey organizations. The "Declaration of Principles" reads:

We believe every leader of the sport has the responsibility to inspire stakeholders in an effort to deliver a positive family hockey experience. Hockey participation offers families value beyond making an individual a better player or even a better athlete. The game of hockey is a powerful platform for participants to build character, foster positive values and develop important life skills. These benefits are available to all players, desirable to every family and transcend the game.

Today, guided by our common values, we jointly pledge to the following Principles.

We Believe:

- Hockey should be an enjoyable family experience; all stakeholders – organizations, players, parents, siblings, coaches, referees, volunteers and rink operators – play a role in this effort.
- Hockey's greatest value is the role it plays in the development of character and life skills.



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- All hockey organizations – regardless of size or level of competition – bring value to players and families in their ability to deliver a positive family experience.
- Physical activity is important for a healthy body, mind and spirit.
- There are significant benefits of youth participation in multiple sports.
- Hockey programs should be age-appropriate for all players, accounting for each individual's physical, emotional and cognitive development.
- There is great value in all forms of hockey, both on and off the ice.
- All hockey programs should provide a safe, positive and inclusive environment for players and families regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation and socio-economic status. Simply put, hockey is for everyone.