



## HOCKEY CANADA

Parent

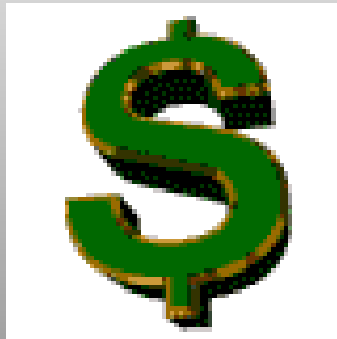
Orientation

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# The Glimmer of Gold!

How many of you think your son or daughter will make pro hockey?



Now here are the stats.....



Get involved with your son or daughter's team in a positive way.

# The Glimmer of Gold!

A study by Jim Parcels – Province of Ontario  
Out of 360,000 kids born in 1968

- ✘ 32,000 went on to play minor hockey of some type
- ✘ 223 were drafted by the Ontario Hockey League (Major Junior)
- ✘ 65 were subsequently drafted to the NHL
- ✘ 8 or an average of 1 out of 4,000 played 400 or more games in the NHL at the time of the study, and of those only 4 were still in the NHL.



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# The Glimmer of Gold!

So lets not pressure kids lets....

**Encourage  
Kids!**



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# ***What are we all looking for out of the game!***

- a fun, safe, positive environment to play the game
- a place for our kids to develop skills and be active
- to learn to become a team player
- a balance between hockey and life
- making great friends for life
- to learn to win and to lose



Be supportive and don't let expectations become a burden to your son or daughter

# ***What to expect from my Minor Hockey Association***

- Administration and promotion of the game within your community
- The administration of day to day business
- Ensure legal requirements in place
  - » Constitution
  - » Financial reports
  - » Insurance



Model respectful behaviour for your son or daughter.

# ***What to expect from my Minor Hockey Association***

- Your first contact with your MHA will be during the registration process
- You are encouraged to attend the ***Annual General Meeting*** of your Minor Hockey Association
- If you have questions or concerns you should communicate with your MHA
- Get involved!



Be there for your child whether they win or lose.

# ***What does your MHA, Branch and Hockey Canada expect from you as a parent?***

- Focus on the kids having a fun, positive experience
- Hold high but reasonable expectations
- Understand the balance between hockey and life
- Always model positive, responsible behaviour
- Treat all those involved with respect!



Make safety, respect, fair play and fun a priority.



# ***What does your MHA, Branch and Hockey Canada expect from you as a parent?***

- Where there is disagreement or conflict, expressing views and opinions in a respectful manner is vital
- Emphasize important values such as

**Sportsmanship**

**Cooperation**

**Fairness**

**Respect**

**Excellence**

**Teamwork**



Support your child emotionally

# ***What does your MHA, Branch and Hockey Canada expect from you as a parent?***

- Help eliminate embarrassing behaviours from the game
- Assume the major responsibility for your son or daughters behaviour on and off the ice
- Form strong relationships with players, coaches, team staff and volunteers



Encourage your child to participate but avoid pressuring them to play the game.

# QUESTION AND ANSWER



Communicate with your son's or daughter's coach in a professional effective manner.