

ALISO NIGUEL ROLLER HOCKEY CLUB

Parent Guidelines

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our club is open only to Aliso Niguel High School students. All students are welcome to try-out, but are not guaranteed a place on the Aliso Niguel Roller Hockey Club. Placement on the club is based on try-outs. The coaches of our respective teams will select the players.

In the event your son or daughter is not selected for this year's team, we encourage them to continue playing on a recreational team to improve their skills and ability. There will be another tryout for each season. Please be sure we have your telephone number and e-mail address so we can contact you with tryouts dates and times in September.

If your student has been selected for the Aliso Niguel Roller Hockey Club and has accepted the position, he or she must be prepared to make a commitment to the club. Players and parents must understand and agree to the Player Agreement that will require your signatures.

Club members that make the team are not guaranteed equal playing time on any of the Aliso Niguel teams. The high school league is a club league, accordingly, the coaches decide playing time.

Our rules are in addition to the rules of the 949 Roller Hockey Center in Irvine, California ("949RHC") and those set forth by the Inline High School Federation league ("IHF").

We look forward to your involvement, positive support and encouragement, not only for your student, but for all team members and coaches.

PARENT GUIDELINES

The following is a summary of key areas in which parents can have a big influence on their Player's attitude towards the game of hockey and experience they will have when playing. Parents are expected to stay within the club guidelines.

1. DURING THE GAME

Hockey is an emotional sport. The game moves fast and things happen very quickly. Parents have a great influence on how their Player reacts to situations that occur during a game. If a parent gets angry and disruptive during a game, chances are their Player and the rest of the team will do the same. Remember to control your emotions during these times and enjoy the game by watching and supporting our team.

2. ATTITUDE

The more you become part of the process, the more your Player will benefit from their hockey experience. Your attitude towards your son or daughter and the team will play a large role in this. Stay positive about your Player and the team. Help him or her maintain

a positive attitude and encourage them to do their best, for themselves and the good of the team. Actively display good sportsmanship by encouraging your Player to play clean and not get frustrated if things don't go well.

Recognize that players will observe their parents closely. They will notice how they treat opponents, officials, coaches, staff and each other. Please act in a responsible and sportsman-like manner to all people involved in the program.

Verbal or physical abuse of officials, players, coaches, parents, and staff is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

3 OFFICIALS

Officials are an integral part of the game. They have an extremely difficult job. Calls will be made that you don't agree with, that's part of the game. No matter how good a job they do, they are often criticized. Your responsibility is to set an example for your player by NOT communicating with the officials. During a game, officials will not communicate with spectators. If you think something happens that is not fair, save your comments for the coach until after the game and let him decide if he should share those comments.

4 COACHES

Let the coach do the coaching. Interfering during a game or practice frustrates, embarrasses or confuses your Player. It's disruptive to the team if a parent competes with the coach for a player's attention. If you have something constructive to say, wait until after the game or practice. *At no time are parents allowed on the bench*, unless specifically asked by the coach in the event of the coach's absence during a game.

5 OTHER PLAYERS

As stated earlier, hockey is an emotional sport, and there are times when parents get too caught up in the competitive nature of the game and lash out at an opposing player. Treat every player with respect and don't say anything you would not want to hear about your Player. Even if you see something that you believe to be unfair or inappropriate, show restraint. Set good examples by staying positive and showing good sportsmanship.

6 PLAYER ISSUES AND CONCERNS

At times you or your Player may not agree with our coaches decisions. There may be problems with a teammate. There may be other issues or concerns you have. If this is the case, there is a Club Complaint Procedure stated in the Players Agreement, which is to be followed. As our players are becoming young adults, it is their responsibility to first try to solve any issue on their own or with their coach. If they are unsuccessful, they are encouraged to speak with our Club Board Representative to achieve a resolution. If that is not successful, you may then get involved and speak with our Club Board President

7. PARENT-SUPPORTED PROGRAM

Our Roller Hockey Club is a parent-supported program, unlike more traditional high school sports that enjoy some school funding. We want our coaches to be able to focus on player development and team success. As a result, parents are responsible for the governance of our club, while parents and players are responsible for fundraising.

To make this a successful and positive experience for our players and one we can be proud of, your assistance is needed and appreciated. Parents are encouraged to get involved with our board and our activities. Please be willing to get involved to support a sport our teenagers enjoy, to help make our club successful.