RINKSIDE **FAIR-PLAY**

CLUB TOOLKIT SHEET

WHY THIS PROGRAMME?

Fair play is a value we hold dear. Yet, as in other sports, we see aggressive or inappropriate behaviour by spectators and parents around some rinks. Indoors, one metre from the play, it weighs heavily: on the children, on our referees — often young volunteers — and on our clubs' image. Inspired by field hockey's Fair-Play Parent project, **Rinkside Fair-Play** involves parents themselves and brings together the parents of both teams with one shared goal: a positive climate for the young people who play.

THE CONCEPT IN 6 STEPS

1 One Fair-Play Lead per club
Organises the programme, is the BIHA's contact person and receives the materials: armbands, posters, flyers, toolkit sheets.

2 One Fair-Play Parent per youth team
Recruited by the Lead together with the coaches and managers, and given an armband and this sheet.

3 A short course
Every Fair-Play Parent takes the online "Fair-Play Parent" course on MyTalent (approx. 40 min, certificate).

4 At every home game
The Fair-Play Parent may ask a parent from the visiting team to take on the role together. Armband visible to all.

5 After the game
Brief feedback to the Lead. Any serious incident is reported by the club to the BIHA through the official channels.

6 Follow-up by the BIHA
Reports are analysed to build a lasting fair-play policy and, where needed, discussed with the clubs concerned.

⚠ Fair-Play Parents are not officials: they have no power to sanction and no specific legal responsibility. Order in the venue is the home club's job; the game is the referees' job.

Respect and fair play: by and for everyone. We're working on it. Are you?

Does your club want to take part and receive the materials? Contact the BIHA: **office@rollerhockey.be**

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FAIR-PLAY PARENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] Armband on, arrived before the warm-up
- [ ] Introduced to both referees and the table official
- [ ] Introduced to both coaches
- [ ] In touch with the visiting Fair-Play Parent
- [ ] Visiting team welcomed (changing rooms, stands, cafeteria)
- [ ] Supporters invited to stand away from the benches and table
- [ ] Smiling, positive attitude towards everyone
- [ ] Applause encouraged for both teams
- [ ] Tensions calmed early, quietly, through dialogue
- [ ] Home club alerted if needed
- [ ] Referees, table and opponents thanked
- [ ] Feedback given to the Club Fair-Play Lead

THE 6 RULES OF THE FAIR-PLAY SUPPORTER

1. **I cheer** for my team. Never against the opponents.
2. **The referee decides** I respect the decisions, during and after the game.
3. **The coach coaches** No instructions from behind the boards.
4. **Zero insults** Not about level, not about origin, not about language.
5. **I applaud both teams** A great play is a great play.
6. **I set the example** My child will do what they see me do.

PHRASES THAT HELP

"I get it, it's tense. Come on, let's move a bit further away."

"The kids can hear us from here."

"We can't see what they see. The coach will deal with it afterwards."

Sign me up!

Take the online course (approx. 40 min) and talk to your club's Fair-Play Lead.

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