



#### ECYH PLAYER'S RULES

As a member of the Eau Claire Youth Hockey Association you represent our teams, association, and our community at practices, games and tournaments. The association expects you to conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner and to observe the following Player Rules and abide by the attached code of conduct.

1. Respect coaches, officials, spectators, teammates, and opponents at all times.
2. Respect the judgment of game officials. Do not argue an official's decision on or off the ice. **Zero Tolerance** as outlined by **USA Hockey** will be the rule.
3. Learn the rules and play by them.
4. Display appropriate behavior; abusive language or the use of profanity on the ice, the bench, in the locker room or anywhere else in the arena is strictly forbidden
5. Be a team player - get along with your teammates. Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline. Work hard to improve your skills.
6. Respect other players' property and equipment as well as your own. Make necessary repairs to your equipment well in advance of scheduled practices and games. Uniforms should be kept clean and well repaired.
7. Respect the rink and Dryland training facility. Obey all local rules that may apply. Report any violations or damages to the appropriate authority.
8. A player shall not use or be in possession of; alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or any illegal or non-prescription drugs or drug paraphernalia.
9. The "Rules of Hockey" as well as the established regulations published by USA Hockey and WAHA shall govern play. **ANY** game misconduct or match penalty will result in a next game suspension, as well as a referral to the associations Conduct Committee for any further action. In addition, any player who accumulates **three (3) misconduct penalties** during the course of the season, including and especially checking from behind, or who in the judgment of the coaches or the Conduct Committee accumulates excessive penalty minutes, will be required to appear, along with a parent or guardian, before the Conduct Committee.

10. I understand that winning is important, but it is secondary to the development of skills as well as discipline, good work ethic, sportsmanship, and physical/emotional health.
11. Be on time for practices and games, as directed by your coach.
12. Play to have fun.

Your team management, i.e. coaches or manager, when appropriate, should handle minor infractions regarding these rules. Major infractions and any other infractions that cannot be handled at the team level must be reported to the Conduct Committee.

*To play the game is great, to love the game is greater.*

## EAU CLAIRE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DISCIPLINARY CODE

In addition to the Code of Conduct the following provisions apply to all members of our Association, including players, parents, and coaches:

1. Any deliberate abuse of equipment, buildings, or rink facilities at home or on the road is forbidden. Persons guilty of causing damage will be charged repairs or replacement costs. Game/games suspension in addition to monetary charges will be enforced.
2. At no time is a person authorized to take, hide, steal, or abuse equipment belonging to another person. This includes placing another person's equipment in the trash containers, toilets, urinals, or any other similar type areas or using another's equipment for personal use without permission.
3. All persons connected with this program, without exception, will whenever in contact with persons inside or outside of this program maintain a quality image for the Association and the sport of hockey.
4. All members of the Association will display sportsmanlike attitudes and behavior toward all other persons connected with the sport of hockey. This applies to both on-ice and off-ice activities.
5. Failure to attend scheduled practices without excuse or notification of the coach is subject to disciplinary action. This applies to excessive tardiness.
6. Players, coaches, and game officials are the only personnel allowed in the locker rooms before, during, or after a game except in the case of an injury or where specific assistance is required to dress. This also applies to players when not specifically assigned to a locker room.
7. All penalties issued will be in accordance to USA Hockey and WAHA rules. Additional suspensions by the conduct committee will be assessed in the following order:

### **Misconduct**

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| • 1 <sup>st</sup> Misconduct | Per USA Hockey                                  |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Misconduct | Per USA Hockey                                  |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> Misconduct | USA Hockey plus an additional 1 game suspension |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup> Misconduct | USA Hockey plus an additional 3 game suspension |
| • 5 <sup>th</sup> Misconduct | USA Hockey plus an additional 5 game suspension |

- Any Further Misconduct penalties will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. If less than 5 games remain in the current season a three game suspension will carry into the following hockey season.

NOTE: Any Misconduct penalty that becomes a Game Misconduct will be treated as the Game Misconduct penalty.

### **Game Misconduct**

- 1st Game Misconduct                      Mandatory 1 game suspension per USA Hockey
- 2nd Game Misconduct                      Mandatory 1 game per USA Hockey plus 1 additional game per ECYH
- 3rd Game Misconduct                      Mandatory 1 game per USA Hockey plus 3 additional games per ECYH
- Any Further Game Misconduct penalties will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. If less than 5 games remain in the current season a three game suspension will carry into the following hockey season.

NOTE: Any player receiving 5 penalties in one game will be issued a Game Misconduct penalty per USA Hockey. Team coaches will be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty if the team receives 15 penalties during the course of a game per USA Hockey.

### **Match Penalty**

- Per USA Hockey Rule 405 (c) Player or team official receiving the Match Penalty is not allowed to participate until review of the penalty by the conduct committee (Maximum 30 days).

### **Excessive Penalty Minutes**

- Any player receiving an average of three penalties per game over any five game period will be required to appear before the Conduct Committee with a parent and coach to determine further disciplinary action.

**EAU CLAIRE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Athletics is a voluntary activity. Therefore, when an athlete signs accepting the code, it means that he/she accepts it as part of his/her athletic responsibility while participating in Eau Claire Youth Hockey (ECYH). Participants are expected to adhere to all the provisions of this Athletic Code.

All alcohol and other drug (AOD) and criminal violations, and other violations will be enforceable during the season in which the athlete is actually participating in the ECYH program beginning with the tryout period and ending with the final game of the season.

No fees will be refunded should there be suspension due to violations of the Code of Conduct.

**II. ELIGIBILITY**

**A. General**

HSC Athletes must attend a high school or Department of Public Instruction (DPI) approved home school program.

Bantam eligible athletes will not be eligible for the High School C (HSC) team.

HSC Registration will be open first to ECYH district athletes. Registration will be open to athletes outside the district only if space remains on the team.

In addition, all levels of participation will follow USA Hockey and WAHA eligibility requirements.

**B. Scholastic and Attendance**

Although participating as a member of the ECYH is not an official school sponsored activity, the ECYH association expects that all athletes will maintain passing grades and will not be truant from school during the hockey season.

**C. Suspension/Expulsion**

Any athlete who is suspended or expelled from school shall be ineligible for all athletic participation including practices during the period of suspension or expulsion. They shall be eligible for athletic competition when they are readmitted to school, unless the reason for suspension or expulsion was based on a major violation of the ECYH athletic code.

**III. CODE VIOLATIONS**

**A. AOD/Tobacco**

Any athlete involved in the use or possession of alcohol or tobacco or the use, possession, buying or selling of illegal drugs shall be suspended from athletic

competition. (This shall include any violation of the Wisconsin drinking law which was enacted July 1, 1984.)

B. Criminal

Any athlete who commits a legally punishable criminal act shall be suspended from athletic competition, whether or not the athlete is prosecuted by governmental authorities.

C. Other

Hazing will not be tolerated. Athletes involved in hazing activities will be subject to consequences in accordance with ECYH Code of Conduct, city ordinances, and state statutes.

ECYH coaches may establish dress and grooming standards.

Gambling- there shall be no gambling by athletes at any ECYH related activity.

Travel- Transportation is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) and athletes.

Overnight- Athletes must be chaperoned for overnight stays by a parent/guardian or appointed adult chaperone twenty one years of age or older.

Practice Attendance-Athletes are required to attend all practices unless prior permission has been obtained from the coach.

### **DUE PROCESS FOR CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS**

A. Introduction

The procedures outlined hereafter will be adhered to as closely as possible when suspending athletes from participation for violations of the Athletic Code.

B. Notification

The athlete shall be notified of any alleged major violation of the Athletic Code and given a copy of these procedural guidelines by the ECYH Conduct Committee as soon as they know it. The Conduct Committee will then render a decision, which will result in one of three actions:

1. The athlete has admitted the violation and a suspension will be assessed and served.
2. The athlete has denied the charge; however, the Conduct Committee will assess a suspension based on the evidence.
3. The alleged violation will be dropped due to insufficient evidence.

If a suspension is assessed at this time, the Conduct Committee shall send a letter to the parent(s)/guardian(s) informing them of the decision and the basis for it.

C. Appeals

If the athlete or his/ her parent(s)/guardian(s) are dissatisfied with the decision rendered by the Conduct Committee in Section B, they may appeal the decision to the Conduct Committee who made the decision within five (5) days after receipt of the letter notifying them of the decision in Section B.

A decision will be made after reviewing the appeal. The ECYH Association shall consider this decision final.

#### **IV. PENALTIES**

AOD/Tobacco and criminal violations and penalties shall be cumulative for each individual season of participation. Violations may be carried over from one season to the next at the discretion of the Conduct Committee. Serious violations committed at the end of the season will be carried over.

##### **A. AOD/Tobacco Violations**

###### **1. First Violation**

Violators will be suspended from further competition for three (3) games but may be allowed to practice at coach's discretion.

###### **2. Second Violation**

Violators will be suspended from further hockey practices and games for the remainder of that season.

##### **B. Criminal Violations**

Any athlete who commits a legally punishable "criminal act"\* shall be suspended from athletic competition, commensurate with the severity of the offense, whether or not governmental authorities prosecute the athlete.

##### **C. Other Violations**

These violations and penalties shall not be cumulative. Athletes who have committed "other" code violations shall be disciplined according to the ECYH Code of Conduct.

##### **D. General**

Suspensions shall begin immediately after the athlete has been found to commit a violation.

Coaches may enforce the code of conduct and are encouraged to take immediate disciplinary action if valid evidence is available.

##### **E. Valid Evidence**

Any information or evidence considered to be relevant, valid, and accurate by any person(s) reviewing a particular alleged violation shall be considered. Parties who provide anonymous information will be asked to provide specific names, date, times, and infractions. If hearsay evidence cannot be substantiated on the basis of subsequent investigation, it will be treated as rumor.

#### **VI. SITUATIONS**

It is recognized that under certain circumstances high school students may legally enter places where beer or liquor is served. Since the intent of this code is not to punish athletes for association with friends or family or to curtail wholesome entertainment or employment, the following explanations or offered in an attempt to show the code's intent. It is fully recognized that these are only illustrative

examples and each case involving like situations will, of necessity, have to be judged on its individual merits.

It shall be considered an AOD/Tobacco violation of the athletic code when an athlete:

- Loiters in a place where beer or liquor is sold whether or not prosecuted for such violation.
- Knowingly participates\*, whether or not they actually consume, in any “party” or other occasion where violation of state law or local ordinance regarding the possession, purchase, sale or consumption of alcohol, or illegal drugs occurs.
- Knowingly participates is defined as: (a) being at a party or place where violation cited in the second situation occurs, (b) not making reasonable efforts to leave the premises.
- Violates any state law or local ordinance regarding the possession, purchase, sale or consumption of beer or liquor.

This document can not identify all possible code violations that may arise. It is intended to provide guidelines for defining athletic conduct and handling violations.