



**MBA STORM HOCKEY
PLAYER/PARENT HANDBOOK**

APPROVED BY BOTH

**BENSON AND MORRIS HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS
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MORRIS-BENSON STORM HOCKEY

Welcome to the Morris-Benson Storm Hockey Program. Our goal for this season is *“striving for excellence through sportsmanship, player development, and teamwork.”* It is our goal to have every participant, whether he/she be a player, parent, or coach, have the opportunity to improve their knowledge and development of the game of hockey while experiencing the enjoyment in a team experience. Our theme supports the following core values USA Hockey has adopted to guide our Program in planning, programming, and play.

1. **Sportsmanship** — Foremost of all values is to learn a sense of fair play, become humble in victory, and gracious in defeat. We will foster friendship with teammates and opponents alike.
2. **Respect for the individual.** Treat all others as you expect to be treated.
3. **Integrity:** We seek to foster honest and fair play beyond mere strict interpretations of the rules and regulations of the game.
4. **Pursuit of excellence at the individual, team and organizational levels:** each member of the organization, whether player, volunteer, staff, should seek to perform each aspect of the game to the highest level of his or her ability.
5. **Enjoyment:** It is important for the hockey experience to be fun, satisfying and rewarding for all participants.
6. **Loyalty:** We aspire to teach loyalty to the ideals and fellow members of the sport of hockey.
7. **Teamwork:** We value the strength of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded by success in the hockey experience.

*We would like to take this opportunity to encourage every member to get involved in whatever capacity you may chose to continue to improve our program. Let’s exhibit **STORM PRIDE!***

The MBA Joint Committee has established some policies and procedures that serve as guidelines for our players, parents, and coaches who participate in the MBA Program. The following policies and procedures have been approved and supersede any previous policies and procedures.

NO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WILL BE PERMITTED UNLESS PRESENTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE MBA JOINT COMMITTEE.

Morris-Benson Area Joint Committee

SECTION I POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. The Morris-Benson Area Hockey program is open to youth currently residing within the Morris-Benson Area boundaries as defined by District 15. MBA is a participating member of the Minnesota Amateur Hockey Association (Minnesota Hockey) and abides by all Minnesota Hockey rules and regulations, and USA Hockey rules and regulations.

2. **Statement of Responsibility.** As a player, parent, and coach in the Morris-Benson Area Storm Hockey Program, you have voluntarily obligated yourself to certain team commitments including 100% participation in practices, scrimmages, league and tournament games, as well as team meetings. ***Any player unable to attend a team function should notify the coach by a time specified by the coach prior to the scheduled activity.*** Any player not meeting team commitments may be subject to disciplinary action by the Coach or the Joint Committee.

B. REGISTRATION

1. Registration will be conducted during September.

2. All youth wishing to participate in the MBA program ***MUST*** complete registration.

3. It is the sole responsibility of the parents/guardian to verify their son/daughter is registered at the correct level and association.

4. Players wishing to move up to a higher level of play than the level that is recommended for their current age, must make application to do so by completing the "Application for Advanced Level of Play" found in the Appendix. The form along with the check in the amount of the difference of the registration fee for the next level must be submitted to a member of the Registration Committee prior to or during the registration process.

The Registration Committee will review the application and bring a recommendation before the MBA Joint Committee for approval.

Movement may be granted when:

- a. Coaches and the Committee members determine that it would be beneficial to move players up to fill a small team (Mites or Squirts).
- b. The coaches and parents/guardians of a player feel that he/she cannot find comparable competition at his/her age level and the move would not adversely affect the numbers of either team involved.

The number of participants on both teams will affect movement of player(s). The coaches and the Registration Committee will evaluate the necessity of adding an additional team by determining the number of registered players at appropriate age level and number of players requesting to be moved up to the same.

In the event of more players requesting movement than positions available, an assessment of each player will be made by coaches and the Registration Committee and selection based on the same assessment and maturity of player.

All Players must begin the season skating with their age appropriate team unless a final determination and board approval has been made for the movement and all appropriate fees have been paid.

A player's acceptance to the team will be based on the determination of a player's maturity and abilities to succeed at that level. Careful consideration will be given to ensure that each player matches the appropriate skill and maturity levels for maximum development, safety and enjoyment of the game. There will not be any age appropriate player cut to allow a younger player to participate at any level of hockey.

5. Players deciding not to play may request a refund of their registration fee according to the refund policy found in the appendix and by submitting the Refund Request form. USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey membership fees will not be refunded.

C. TEAMS

1. MBA may have the following traveling hockey teams entering Minnesota Hockey District 15 League at the A, B, or C levels of play::

Squirt	Girls 12U	Girls 14U
Peewee	Bantam	

2. MBA will have the following house teams:
Mites (up to age 8)

The final number, the declaration and the splitting of teams will be the decision of the Joint Committee after a meeting with team coaches and parents.

3. All coaching staff will be certified according to District 15 requirements, complete a background check release form and sign the Coach's Code of Conduct.

4. Mandatory practices that interfere with a fall sport, religious or school function will not be scheduled by the coaches.

5. Late night practices will not be scheduled during the school week (Sunday through Thursday). Concluding times are as follows for any time scheduled by the coach and/or team manager.

Mites -- 8:00 p.m.
Squirts, Girls 12U -- 9:00 p.m.
Peewees, Girls 14U -- 9:30 p.m.
Bantams -- 10:00 p.m.

This rule does not apply to any ice assigned by the MBA scheduling coordinator preparing for Minnesota District and/or Region Hockey tournaments.

6. All coaches are approved by the MBA Joint Committee based on the recommendations of the Hockey Operations Committee. Assistant coaches may be recommended by the head coach but will also have to be approved by the MBA Joint Committee.

7. There will be no inter-level play between any Morris-Benson Area teams except in a controlled scrimmage.

8. The maximum number of regular season games, and scrimmages and tournaments recommended by the MBA Joint Committee for each level is as follows:

Squirts, Girls 12U - 25
Peewees, Girls 14U - 40
Bantams - 45

These numbers do not include District or State-Regional tournaments. No team may participate in more than four (4) invitational tournaments unless approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the team parents.

9. Tournaments – each team will be allowed two (2) away tournaments. The head coach for each team may submit tournament entry fees expenses, not to exceed the maximum as set forth by the Joint Committee.

Squirts, Girls 12U - \$500
Peewees, Girls 14U, Bantams - \$700

11. Travel Policy - Buses may be used to transport players, coaches and their fans to Minnesota Hockey sponsored games. Busing is scheduled for trips that are over 100 miles. If the team does not wish to take a scheduled bus the Coach or Team Manager must notify the Scheduler at least three weeks in advance. If team does not cancel scheduled bus before three weeks the team may still be responsible for the bus fee.

1) All players are expected to ride the bus with their teammates. The busing fee is still payable to the association even if parents drive separately. Players may ride home with their parents upon proper notification to their coach. Full fee is still due if this action is taken.

2) Fee per player is \$40.00. Any family who has two players on the same team **or** if two teams take the same bus, the fee for that family is \$40 plus an additional \$10.00 for each additional player. If two buses are taken to different destinations, the fee is \$40 for each player.

3) When one team is traveling there is rarely a problem with the number of riders that are able to go on the bus. In the situation where two teams are sharing a bus, adjustments must be made. Priority seating is as follows: Players, Coach, Assistant coaches, parents, siblings, and grandparents. If the bus fills, priority will be given to team members, coaches, and one parent. The busing fee will still be due. (see #1 above).

Game destination that normally warrant busing include but are not limited to the following: Fargo-Moorhead, Park Rapids, Little Falls, Brainerd, CIA and Pequot Lakes.

D. ASSOCIATION FEES & FUNDRAISING

1. All players will participate in home association fund-raising as set forth by the Board of Directors at each association.
2. Individual team fundraising activities should be reported to the Fundraising Coordinator of each association and brought before the Joint Committee for approval.
3. Jersey use fees will be part of registration fees and will be due annually.

E. HANDBOOK

Requests for changes to the handbook should be submitted in writing to any of the Joint Committee members anytime prior to July 1. All changes will be made to the handbook prior to registration. No changes will be made to the handbook during the season.

SECTION II MBA COACH, PLAYER, PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

COACHES RESPONSIBILITY

A. It is the policy of the MBA Joint Committee that “*comparable*” ice time is the guide for coaches. This means that all players should have comparable playing time as the norm during the regular season. *It is realized that there are special situations, i.e. power play, short handed play, tournament play and discipline issues, which may prohibit-“comparable ice time”.* MBA’s overall philosophy is the establishment and development of team play and good sportsmanship.

At the Squirt level and below equal playing time among players shall be the goal.

During District and State-Regional tournaments, playing time shall be at the discretion of the team coaching staff.

B. Each coach must possess a coaching certificate at or above the level he/she is coaching at. This training will be coordinated by the Hockey Operations Committee. Coaches are also asked to attend additional clinics to improve their coaching ability.

C. At the request of the player, or player's parent a coach may be asked for a verbal or written evaluation of the player's skill level, attitude, or hockey knowledge.

D. Coaches are expected to follow the MN Hockey development guidelines as set down and presented to them by the Joint Committee. All coaching clinics that are designated by the Hockey Operations Committee for a specific group or team shall require the attendance of that team's coaches.

E. Each coach must have a minimum of one (1) team meeting with the parents prior to the beginning of the season. The meeting should take place prior to the first practice, so parents will understand the coaching staff's policies and philosophy for the upcoming season. Joint Committee Members may be present and should be invited to the first team meeting of the season.

F. All head coaches should try to have at least one (1) assistant coach and (1) team representative/manager. A goalie coach is also highly desirable. The team representative shall assist the coach with team administrative duties.

G. Coaches shall never instruct a player to deliberately injure another player.

H. Use of alcohol is not permitted in the arena, players' box or locker rooms and should not be used at least 3 hours prior to meeting with the team or before a game.

I. The use of illegal substances is strictly prohibited by any coach or player representative. The use of illegal substances will cause immediate suspension of coaching duties.

J. Each coach shall sign the Coach's Code of Conduct (see Appendix).

Coaches found in violation of these regulations and the Coaches' Code of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action which may include suspension and/or dismissal. Any disciplinary action shall only take place after a complete investigation, recommendation by the Grievance Committee and a vote in favor of such action by the MBA Joint Committee at a special joint meeting held to only review this issue. Any disciplinary action will be carried out by the Benson Board and Morris Board President in person, shall be hand delivered to the coach, in writing and signed by both presidents.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY AND SPORTSMANSHIP AGREEMENT

Each player is expected to sign the Player's MBA Sportsmanship Agreement

A. Sportsmanship Agreement (see Appendix). Players found in violation Sportsmanship Agreement may be subject to disciplinary action by the Joint Committee which may include suspension and/or dismissal.

B. Consequences for Players

1. Failing to shake hands after a game (sit one period).
2. Intentionally breaking a stick on the ice or hitting the boards or glass with a stick (sit one period).
3. Yelling obscenities or giving obscene gesture to referees, other players, coaches or parents (sit one game)
4. Abusing arena or locker room (sit one game).
5. Unnecessary roughness or retaliation during a game (sit one game in addition to misconduct penalties issued by referees).
6. Discrediting a teammate or coach (sit one period).
7. Absent from practice without notification or permission (sit one period).

PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' RESPONSIBILITY AND MBA SPORTSMANSHIP AGREEMENT

- A. It is the sole responsibility of the parents/guardians to pay bills and other expenses to the team coach/representative on schedule. If you have difficulty meeting your financial obligations speak with the team coach/representative and/or treasurer from your association.
- B. Parents/guardians are not permitted to confront the judges while they are in the process of player assessments.
- C. Parents/guardians should discuss the Player's Rules and Responsibilities and MBA Sportsmanship Agreement with their child.
- D. Parents/guardians should refrain from publicly ridiculing or verbally abusing any coach, official, team parent, visitors anywhere.
- E. Parents/guardians are expected to volunteer to operate the time clock and/or scoreboard, and assist in the penalty boxes and the concession stand as necessary at both arenas when their team is playing.
- F. All families at each level are expected to work tournaments that their level is hosting and any tournaments that the association is hosting as a fund raiser. Tournaments are critical to our Program fund raising efforts, and require all to participate.
- G. Each parent will sign the MBA Sportsmanship Agreement. (see Appendix).
- H. Parents are encouraged to review the Hockey Education Program (HEP).

Parents and family members found in violation of these regulations and the MBA Sportsmanship Agreement will be subject to disciplinary action by the Joint Committee which may include suspension and/or dismissal.

A. Consequences for Parents

1. First Offense: warning by coach, referee, team representative, or Joint Committee member
2. Second Offense: one week suspension from all arenas
3. Third Offense: suspended from all arenas until the matter has been reviewed by the MBA Joint Committee and subject to District 15 disciplinary action. (See Appendix)

APPENDIX

Morris & Benson Boards of Directors Directory
District 15 Disciplinary Action
Grievance Policy
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MORRIS & BENSON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

BENSON

President: Mike Lee
Vice-President: Barb Schwarz
Treasurer: Scott Schwendemann
Secretary: Steph Sherod
Dan Aarhus
Phil Goff
Mike Holte
Troy Kennedy
Miriam Lindbald

MORRIS

President: Juanita Staples
Vice-President: Jim Rentz
Treasurer: Jodi Crandall
Secretary: Steve Delahanty
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Tournaments: Todd Valnes
Concessions: Ryan Watzke
Membership: Ann Vipond
Maintenance: Rob Jergenson
Ace Coordinator: Jim Rentz

GRIEVANCE POLICY

A grievance is defined as an alleged violation of the specific terms and conditions of this Handbook.

Procedure: All parties involved must observe a 24 hour cooling off period and then attempt to meet and resolve issues before initiating a grievance.

Parent/Coach claiming a violation concerning the interpretation or application of this handbook shall, within 14 calendar days after such alleged violation has occurred, present such grievance in writing setting forth the nature of the grievance, the facts on which it is based, the provision or provisions of the handbook allegedly violated and the remedy requested, to the Parent/Coach.

Step 1

The Parent/Coach will give their answer in writing within (3) calendar days to the Parent/Coach that claimed a violation of the Handbook

A grievance not resolved in Step 1 shall be appealed to the Grievance Committee within (3) calendar days after the Parent/Coach answer in Step 1. Any grievance not appealed in writing to the Grievance Committee within (3) calendar days shall be considered waived.

Step 2.

If appealed, the written grievance/response shall be presented to the Grievance Committee. All Parties shall have a meeting with the Grievance Committee. The meeting shall be scheduled and held within (7) calendar days of the

notice of appeal. The Grievance Committee shall present the facts to the MBA board along with their recommendation in writing.

The board will answer in writing to all parties within (3) Calendar days after such board meeting. The board's decision is final.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY (USA HOCKEY HANDBOOK)

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior and Senior Councils have instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designated to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators, and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey sanctioned games. Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all On-Ice Referees and Linesmen:

A. PLAYERS

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Use of obscene or vulgar language at anytime, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

B. COACHES

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
 2. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
 3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators.
- Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

C. OFFICIALS

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a business-like, sportsman-like, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. On-ice officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

D. PARENTS/SPECTATORS

The game will be stopped by on-ice officials when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body.

This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

1. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence, or physical violence.
3. Throwing of any object in the spectators' viewing area, players' bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

CONSUMPTION/USE/ABUSE OF MOOD ALTERING SUBSTANCES (USA Hockey Handbook)

It is the considered judgment of the Boards of Directors of USA Hockey that consumption/use/abuse of mood altering substances is detrimental to a healthy state of mind, body, and spirit in an athletic participant. This is especially true for those participants aspiring to develop their talents in the furtherance of their playing, or coaching, or officiating careers in the sport of ice hockey. Therefore, with the best interests of its participants in mind, USA Hockey and USA Hockey InLine prohibit use by any participant of mood altering substances during active participation in its programs, and, upon discovery of any violation, shall take action to remove the participant from participation in its programs using guidelines set forth in the Minnesota Hockey handbook, section XIII. MOOD-ALTERING CHEMICALS (see A below). Further, USA Hockey and USA Hockey InLine hereby recommend that each and all of its teams, associations, programs, and affiliates adopt reasonable regulations concerning the prohibition of consumption/use/abuse of mood altering substances, and a reasonable enforcement procedure thereafter, in order to maintain the health of our athlete participants, the integrity of our programs, and the eligibility of all of our competitors for national, international, and collegiate competition. For purposes of this policy, the words "mood altering substances" shall include the following:

1. Intoxicating beverages, including, but not limited to, alcohol.
2. Non-prescription or prescribed controlled substances.
3. Prescription or prescribed controlled substances when used to an excess in violation of doctors orders, or to produce the state of intoxication in the participant. Further, a participant shall include players, coaches, referees, and all persons involved in the conduct of an ice or inline hockey contest.

A. PENALTIES (XIII. MOOD-ALTERING CHEMICALS Minnesota Hockey Handbook)

The use, consumption or possession of mood altering chemicals, regardless of quantity, is expressly prohibited during the entire playing season. Included are: (1) beverages containing alcohol, (2) tobacco (including chewing tobacco), (3) controlled substances defined by law as drugs (including marijuana), and (4) buying, selling or giving away controlled substances. It is not a violation for a player to be in possession of a controlled substance specifically prescribed for the player's own use by the player's physician.

1. First Violation -

Penalty: after confirmation of the first violation, the player shall be suspended for the next two (2) consecutive games or two (2) weeks of a season, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a player who becomes a participant in a treatment program.

2. Second Violation -

Penalty: after confirmation of the second violation, the player shall be suspended for the next six (6) consecutive games. No exception is permitted for a player who becomes a participant in a treatment program.

3. Third Violation -

Penalty: a. after confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the player shall be suspended for the next twelve (12) consecutive games.

b. If after the third or subsequent violations, the player, on her/his own volition, becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in MH activities after a minimum period of six (6) weeks. Such certification must be issued by the director or counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center.

INTERPRETATION - "Game" in this rule means regular league or playoff contest. Practice, games or scrimmages cannot be counted in determining length of suspension. Associations or individual teams may adopt a more prohibitive rule and/or more severe penalties for violation of this Rule.

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APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED LEVEL OF PLAY

Player's Name _____
Last First Player's Date of Birth

Parent/Guardian Name _____
Last First Phone number

Parent/Guardian Name _____
Last First Phone number

Age Appropriate Level _____ Desired Level _____

Reason for request (Last year's coach and coach at the level the player is requesting to move to may be consulted)

Move-Up Policy. Players wishing to move up to a higher level of play than the level that is recommended for their current age, must make application to do so by completing the "Application for Advanced Level of Play" found in the Appendix. The form along with the check in the amount of the difference of the registration fee for the next level must be submitted to the appropriate association registrar prior to or during the registration process.

I/we understand and appreciate that participation or observation of the sport of ice hockey constitutes a risk to me/us of serious injury, including permanent paralysis or death. I/we understand that participation or observation at an accelerated level could increase this risk of injury or death. I/we voluntarily and knowingly recognize, accept, and assume this risk and release the Morris & Benson Hockey Association, its Boards of Directors, its members, its affiliates and its sponsors from any liability therefore. I/we also acknowledge that once this has been signed and approved by MBA Joint Committee. Either parents or guardians must sign below.

Player's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Joint Committee Approval:

Joint Committee Chair Signature _____ Date _____

MORRIS-BENSON AREA STORM HOCKEY

REFUND POLICY

A refund should be requested by completing a Refund Request form to document the date that a player has stopped playing and to insure a timely refund to the player. It is the parent's responsibility to initiate a refund request. The percentage of refund is dependent upon the last day of participation as documented by the coach and varies according to level of play. The completed Refund Request form should be sent to:

Benson Assoc.:	Morris Assoc.:
Benson Hockey Association	Ann Vipond,
PO Box 216,	Registrar, Morris Hockey Association
Benson MN 56215	PO Box 303,
	Morris, MN 56267

MBA must register all players with USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey before any on-ice participation is permitted. Therefore, USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey insurance and registration fees are NOT refundable.

Percentage of Refund

100% refund prior to the start of skills
50% refund between November 1 and November 15
No refund after November 15

REFUND REQUEST FORM

Player's Name _____ Birth Date _____

Parents/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Name/Address the refund should be sent if different from above:

Level of Play/Team _____ Coach _____

Last Day the Player was on the ice _____

Parent's signature _____ *Date* _____

Coach signature _____ *Date* _____

Office use:

Date received _____ Cancellation recorded _____

Amount to be refunded _____

Date Forwarded to Treasurer _____

Refund Check No. _____ Refund sent _____

Notes:

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COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

Attend, pass the test and obtain the necessary coaching certification level that the Minnesota Amateur Hockey Association requires for the level you are coaching.

Understand the Zero Tolerance rule and explain the rule to my players and their parents, and I will abide by this rule myself. Enforce if necessary.

Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.

Be optimistic, share the joy of life.

Be generous with your praise when it is deserved, be consistent, honest, fair and just; do not criticize players publicly, and be an effective communicator and coach. .

Adjust to the personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; never verbally or physically abuse a player or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach them the basics. Believe in each player, the other coaches, and administrators.

Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Be prepared. Do not ask anything of your players, other coaches, administrators and parents that you do not ask and expect of yourself.

Maintain an open line of communication with your player's parents.

Explain the goals and objectives of your coaching philosophy and that of MBA.

Be concerned with the overall development of your players, including healthy lifestyle and behavior and team play.

Work to be the best coach possible.

I _____ certify that I have read and will abide by the guidelines listed above for this season and understand that I can be removed from the appointed coaching position.

Coach's Signature

Date

MORRIS-BENSON AREA STORM HOCKEY

YOUTH HOCKEY SPORTSMANSHIP AGREEMENT

As player and parent(s) of MBA Hockey, we are in agreement:

1. That it is a privilege, not a right, for our child to play youth hockey.
2. That sportsmanship and comparable play are essential to the sport of hockey.
3. That, because our children learn from example, we as parents need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, referees and other parents.

THEREFORE, we agree to follow the sportsmanship disciplinary policy:

1. If my behavior results in eviction from any rink, I will accept a mandatory two-week suspension from all MBA hockey events both at the Benson Civic Center, Lee Community Center, and other arenas.
2. If my behavior results in substantiated unsportsmanlike behavior, as decided by the MBA Joint Committee, I will accept a one-week suspension from all MBA hockey events both at the Benson Civic Center, Lee Community Center, and other arenas.
3. If I do not support this sportsmanship disciplinary policy, I realize my child will be restricted from play for the term as set forth.
4. That we and our child agree to abide by the rules and guidelines as stated in the MBA Policies and Procedures Handbook and agree that any violation of the rules is subject to disciplinary action.
5. The MBA Joint Committee will make all decisions on action to be taken and will notify the individual(s) involved in writing of action to be taken.

I have read will abide by the rules set by USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, District 15, MBA, and the coaches.

Parent's Name

Player's Name

Player's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date