



GAHA/USA HOCKEY PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT 2019-2020 Hockey Season

1. At all GAHA home and away games, practices, and events, parents of players registered with GAHA shall act in a manner that is conducive to the goals and objectives of GAHA.
2. During practices and both home and away games parents shall show courteous respect to the game officials and their decisions. They are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and exhibit this same courteous respect to other teams, players, parents, and coaches. Parents should be ever mindful that their actions, and those of their children, are a reflection of our entire Association.
3. GAHA parents must abide by the codes of conduct of USA Hockey, NYSAHA and their respective league WNYAHL, GLGHL, and EAHC.
4. Outside the rink parents should continue to show the same courteous respect for officials, other teams, players, parents, teammates, and coaches. Genesee Amateur Hockey Association promotes a "value added" model in regards to social media (i.e. Facebook, twitter, etc.). Opinions, even strong ones are welcome. However, published public comments should add something more to the conversation without taking from the humanity or dignity of others.
5. Parents are expected to volunteer their efforts and resources for the benefit of all GAHA teams/players. This includes participation in GAHA events, tournaments, and fund raising activities.
6. Parents are expected to provide encouragement and support for their team coaches. Any issues of disagreement should be brought forth in a spirit of cooperation. Parents should respect the coaches as volunteers who give their time and skills for the benefit of all players.
7. Parents are expected to treat all administrative volunteers and coaches in the organization with appropriate and professional behavior. Parents should respect the volunteers who give their time and skills for the benefit of all players and the organization as a whole.
8. All parents must abide by the GAHA Parent Code of Conduct and USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.
9. Inappropriate language or actions may result in expulsion from an arena or, in the extreme, from all activities of GAHA. Any other violation of the above stated behaviors may result in other restrictions on the parent's or their child's participation in GAHA.

USA HOCKEY Zero Tolerance Policy

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 designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials, 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:

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) Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, 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.

Coaches

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

- 1) Openly disputes or disputes any decision by an official.
- 2) Uses 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.

Officials

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, 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.

Parents/Spectators

The game will be stopped by On-Ice officials when 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.

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

PARENTS SIGNATURE

Name _____ Date _____

I have read the above; I acknowledge the penalty incurred for any violations to disrupt or create a safety hazard any time before, during or after the game.