

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
SAFESPORT PROGRAM

The Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is committed to improving the development, safety and welfare of its players and all members involved in hockey and our organization. Therefore, it supports the USA Hockey SafeSport Program and CAHA SafeSport Program and requires all players, coaches and members to fully participate.

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Introduction and Definitions

Introduction

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is committed to improving the skill development, the safety and the welfare of our athletes. The SafeSport Program is designed to provide clear guidelines and expectations for all players, coaches and organization members on:

1. abuse or misconduct prevention strategies
2. appropriate behavior
3. effective response to concerns

Unfortunately, youth sports can be a place where misconduct, including child physical and sexual abuse has the potential to occur. This Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association approved document will provide the guidelines for appropriate behavior in hopes that the risk of abuse will be minimized. These measures, while aimed at protecting youth, also serve to better protect adult coaches and volunteers.

Definitions

Child, Children, Player, Athlete, Minor and Youth

Anyone under the age of 18

Child Physical Abuse

Abuse or Child Abuse or Neglect is defined in Colorado state statute and includes an act or omission that threatens the health or welfare of a child, including without limitation, serious physical injury or death.

Child Sexual Abuse

Child sexual abuse involves any sexual activity with a child where consent is not or cannot be given. This includes sexual contact with a minor that is accomplished by deception, manipulation, force or threat of force regardless of whether there is deception or the child understands the sexual nature of the activity. The sexually abusive acts may include sexual penetration, sexual touching, or non-contact sexual acts such as verbal acts, sexually suggestive written or electronic communications, exposure or voyeurism.

Emotional Abuse

The terms 'abuse' or 'child' abuse or 'child neglect' include any case in which a child is subjected to emotional abuse. 'Emotional abuse' means an identifiable and substantial impairment or a substantial risk of impairment of the child's intellectual or psychological functioning or development.

Misconduct

Conduct which results in harm, the potential for harm or the imminent threat of harm. Age is irrelevant to misconduct. There are six types of misconduct in sport: emotional, physical, sexual, bullying, harassment and hazing.

Peer to Peer Sexual Abuse/Misconduct

Approximately 1/3 of all child sexual abuse occurs at the hands of other children and the obligation to report extends to peer-to-peer child sexual abuse. Peer-to-peer sexual abuse covers sexual activity between children

without equality or as a result of coercion, physical force, threats, trickery or emotional manipulation to elicit cooperation. There can be an aggressor, age difference or an imbalance in power or intellectual capabilities.

Grooming Behaviors

Grooming is the process of desensitization that predators use on children to prepare and trick them into accepting sexual abuse. Grooming is a way for the perpetrator to gain trust and confidence and draws the victim into a secret sexual relationship. Grooming can include but is not limited to: targeting a victim, isolation, meeting the child's needs, giving a child special attention, buying gifts and having power and control over the child.

SafeSport Program

The Olympic community's initiative to recognize, reduce and respond to misconduct in sport.

USA Hockey SafeSport Program

A set of Policies and Procedures that assist organizations in the prevention of child abuse and misconduct as well as required training; screening and background check program; reporting and responding policies; and how to monitor and supervise. For more information on the USA Hockey SafeSport Program visit <http://www.usahockey.com/SafeSport.aspx>.

CAHA SafeSport Program

A set of Policies and Procedures at the state level created by Colorado Armature Hockey Association (CAHA) aimed at the protection of its players, members, staff and volunteers in the prevention of child abuse. All CAHA Members, Leagues, Associations and Independent Teams must adhere to the Program.

CAHA SafeSport Coordinator

The CAHA SafeSport Coordinator is responsible for monitoring Association and Team compliance with the USA Hockey SafeSport Program and CAHA SafeSport Program.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association SafeSport Program

A set of Policies and Procedures created and implemented by local level teams/organizations, aimed at the protection of its players and members. All members, participants, staff and volunteers must adhere to the SafeSport Program Handbook.

Association SafeSport Coordinator

Association SafeSport Coordinator (ASSC) duties will include monitoring the training of local program administrators and others within the Association. The ASSC will serve as the Affiliate's initial contact for persons reporting suspected abuse, misconduct or other violations, compiling information on disciplinary issues within the Association and, when appropriate, reporting such information to USA Hockey.

Resource Page

Child Abuse Information	www.childwelfare.gov
CAHA SafeSport Coordinator	720-530-4368
Local Police Number	970-384-6500
	Sheriff 970-625-8095
Local Social Services	970-945-9191
Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey SafeSport Coordinator	Cassie Coleman
	safesport@gsyha.org
	970.309.0000
Sex Offender Registration Website	www.sor.state.co.us
USA Hockey SafeSport Number	1-800-888-4656
USA Hockey SafeSport Email	SafeSport@usahockey.org
USA Hockey SafeSport Website	www.usahockey.com/safesport

Colorado Child Abuse Laws

What Constitutes Abuse: Act or omission where child is subjected to sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, emotional abuse or prostitution; where child is in need of food, clothing, shelter, medical care or supervision because parent or guardian fails to do so; where child exhibits evidence of skin bruising, bleeding, malnutrition, burns fractures, etc.; or circumstances indicate a condition that may not be the product of an accidental occurrence

Mandatory Reporting Required By: Physicians, child health associate, dentist, chiropractor, nurse, hospital personnel, school employee, social worker, mental health professional, veterinarian, peace officer, pharmacist, psychologist, fireman, victim's advocate, commercial film and photographic print processor, clergyman, paid coaches of youth sport organizations

Basis of Report of Abuse/Neglect: Reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child is subject to circumstances or conditions which would reasonable result in abuse or neglect

To Whom Reported: County department of social services or local law enforcement agency

Penalty for Failure to Report or False Report: Willful violation: Class 3 misdemeanor plus liability for proximately caused damages

For more information and definitions go to www.childwelfare.gov

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Club Code of Conduct

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all players and members of the organization. It recognizes the responsibility it has to promote safe practices to protect players from abuse and misconduct. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association has adopted clear guidelines and protocols to minimize the opportunity for child sexual abuse and to help staff, volunteers and parents recognize inappropriate or undesirable behavior. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is committed to embrace differences and diversity and respect the rights of all players and members and will follow these guiding principles:

The welfare of each player is the primary concern.

The rights, dignity and worth of all players should always be respected.

All players, whatever their age, culture, disability, ability, gender, language, racial origin, socio-economic status, religious belief, sexual identity or skill level have the right to protection from all forms of abuse or misconduct.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association will work in partnership with parents, players, staff and volunteers to promote the welfare, health and development of our players.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association will take all reasonable steps to:

Promote and implement the USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Programs to safeguard the well-being of its players and to prevent abuse and misconduct from occurring.

Recruit, train, support and supervise staff, members and volunteers to protect players from abuse and to reduce risk to them.

Require staff, members and volunteers to adopt and abide by the USA Hockey, CAHA and Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association SafeSport Programs.

Respond to any allegations, disclosure or concern of misconduct or abuse of a player as stated in CAHA SafeSport and USA Hockey SafeSport Programs.

Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of the SafeSport Program and make any necessary changes.

Have open and regular communication with parents or guardian(s) of a player regarding any concerns or issues.

Electronic Communication Guidelines

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association understands that social media is a popular communication tool for players, parents and coaches. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is also aware that social media is a venue where inappropriate behavior and misconduct can occur. The risk associated with social media include: inappropriate access, sharing personal information, bullying, unwanted and unsupervised contact between adults and children, receiving unwanted material, online grooming for sexual abuse or actual unlawful sexual exploitation.

Failure to comply with CAHA SafeSport Program or USA Hockey SafeSport Program guidelines can result in disciplinary action. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association has a **zero** tolerance rule when it comes to player safety and preventing abuse and misconduct.

Texting, Email and Similar Electronic Communications

If it is necessary for a coach or staff member to send a direct text message or email to a player, the following guidelines must be followed:

A parent (or guardian) **must be** copied on the text

It must be signed so it is clear as to whom or what organization is sending the message. Just using the number or email address for identification is not sufficient.

It must be non-personal and for the purpose of communicating information about team activities

It shall never include or contain offensive, sexual or inappropriate language or photos

The time of day and the number of messages sent should be considered

Records should be kept of every coach's current cell number and email accounts

When a player feels the need to text or email a coach or staff member, the following guidelines must be followed:

A parent (or guardian) **must be** copied

It should be sent only with information regarding the organization or team or club activities

Social Media (Facebook, MySpace, Blogs and Similar Sites)

Players are **never** to post pictures of other club members or players that can be hurtful or embarrassing or without their permission.

Players and parents can "friend" the official Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Facebook or similar social webpage and coaches can communicate to players through the site. The communication must be open, transparent and professional in nature and for the purpose of communicating information about the team or club activities.

Social media sites should not be used to abuse or criticize the organization, members or players.

Offensive material will be removed by the page administrator, who at his or her own discretion may "unfriend" (or the equivalent) anyone who posts offensive or inappropriate content or otherwise violates this policy.

Locker Room Guidelines

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is committed to ensuring all players are safe on and off the ice. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is also aware that the locker rooms provide a place where abuse and misconduct can occur. Players are particularly vulnerable in locker rooms due to various stages of dress and undress and because players are less supervised. Player to player issues such as sexual abuse, bullying, hazing and harassment often occur when players are not supervised.

Adherence to Locker Room Guidelines can reduce opportunities for misconduct and abuse. It will also allow for a fun and safe place for players while still holding to hockey traditions. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association asks that players and coaches follow USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Program guidelines at all times.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association policy is: 1) no parents are allowed in the locker room at anytime when player at levels Squirt and above are scheduled in the locker room. Players needing assistance must exit the locker room to be assisted by a parent; 2) at least one CAHA registered coach, preferably two, directly (be inside or just outside with the door open) monitor the locker rooms at all times players are present. Players may not enter locker rooms until a CAHA registered adult or Coach is present to directly supervise the locker room; and 3) Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association has a policy NOT allowing anyone in the locker rooms other than Coaches, Team Manager, Board Members and Director of Hockey. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action being taken.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Policy: Phones or electronic equipment are not to be used in the locker room. Ipods and MP3 players may be used at the discretion of the Coach, who shall ensure the camera function of any such devices is not used.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association requires all players and coaches to report to their Hockey Director any and all misconduct, abuse or violations immediately.

Player Behavior

Locker rooms and showers shall be used by similar-aged peers when possible, no mixed gender allowed.

Opposite sex players shall be provided separate changing and showering facilities.

The showers are for showering only. No horseplay, urinating on others, physical contact, sexual activity or other forms of misconduct is allowed.

No bullying, hazing, harassment, fighting, locker boxing.

Players are not permitted to touch other player's genital area or their own in a way that will make others uncomfortable.

Video recording devices including voice, still camera, video or phone cameras are prohibited.

No pornographic materials are permitted in the locker room.

Nudity is kept to a minimum. After showering players are asked to dress quickly.

No drugs, alcohol or other illegal substances are allowed.

No physical contact between players in a sexual nature is allowed.

The locker room is not a place to criticize or humiliate teammates.

Shower and changing at the club/organization are optional.

No displays of affection

Coaches' Behavior

The locker rooms must be directly monitored during all team events by at least one adult Coach or Team Manager, approved and screened by CAHA. The adult Coach shall supervise conduct, observe behavior, and make sure only approved team personnel and family members are allowed in the locker rooms.

If a coach needs to speak to an individual player alone in the locker room, the door must remain open or another coach or CAHA-screened parent must be present.

Coaches should have a separate place to change and shower. Coaches are never to be nude among players.

Hazing, Bullying and Sexual Harassment Guidelines

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association feels strongly that hazing, bullying, sexual harassment, initiation rituals and physical punishments are not permitted within the organization. **Any form of misconduct by the team, coach or an individual in attempt to bond or take action against another individual or group of individuals, which result in abuse, harassment, intimidation or any form of degradation is not allowed by any player, coach, volunteer or member of Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association.**

Player and coaches are also **required** to follow the USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Hazing and Bullying Guidelines.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is committed to offering an environment that is free of intimidation and abuse and has **zero** tolerance for misconduct. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association requires all members to report any of the following behaviors.

Hazing

Hazing can be defined as any actions, whether physical, sexual, verbal, mental, emotional or psychological which subjects another person or group, voluntary or involuntary, with a result that has the intended or unintended effect of abusing, mistreating, degrading, humiliating, harassing, or intimidating the person who may be younger, weaker or have less power. These behaviors are prohibited by players, coaches, parents or any member or associate of Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association.

The following are examples of, but not limited to, misconduct that is prohibited by Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association.

Hazing Behaviors

- Forcing the consumption of alcohol, drugs or other substances
- Shaving of body parts
- Any activity that is illegal, perverse, or publicly indecent
- Vandalism of any property or forced participation in pranks
- Dietary restrictions, sleep deprivation or creation of excess fatigue or other unhealthy behaviors
- Deprivation of sleep or disturbing individuals during normal sleep hours, creating of excessive fatigue
- Calisthenics intended as a physically abusive exercise
- Physical abuse of any kind (paddling, whipping or beating)
- Mentally abusive or demeaning behavior
- Forced tattooing, branding or public stunts
- Road trips, kidnapping, drop offs or any other such activity
- Subjecting a member to cruel and unusual psychological conditions
- Morally degrading or humiliating games or activities
- Verbal or cruel harassment including yelling and screaming
- Participation in sexual rituals or assaults and/or required nudity or contact
- Deception or threat contrived to convince the new member that he/she will not be permitted to join
- Required songs, chants, yelling or screaming
- Activities that promote or encourage the violation of state laws and club policy

Hazing does not include challenging team workouts or assigning team duties to specific players.

Bullying

Bullying can occur when there is an imbalance of power and the person who is older, larger, stronger or more aggressive uses his or her power to control or harm someone in a weaker position. The person bullying has the intent or goal to cause harm (i.e. the act is not accidental) and the action is usually repetitious.

Bullying Behaviors

Physical pushing, kicking, hitting, pinching, slapping, punching, etc...

Name calling, sarcasm, spreading rumors, persistent teasing and emotional torment through ridicule, humiliation and/or the continual ignoring of individuals

Racial taunts, graffiti, gestures

Sexual comments and/or suggestions

Unwanted physical contact

Socially spreading rumors

Leaving players out of group activities, telling them they are unwanted

Cyberbullying; using the internet, email, texting, mobile phones, social media or other digital technologies to do harm to others

Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment is unwanted, often persistent, sexual attention and any other behavior with sexual overtones that creates a hostile work or learning environment.

Sexual Harassment Behaviors

Written or verbal abuse threats, physical contact, sexually graphic literature, sexual advances, demands for sexual favors

Sexually oriented comments, jokes, lewd comments or sexual innuendoes, taunts about a player's body or dress

Intimidating sexual remarks

Physical contact, fondling, pinching or kissing

Offensive phone calls or photos and/or bullying on the basis of sex

Sexual violence such as sexual assault, rape, and sexual coercion

Physical Contact Guidelines

It is sometimes appropriate and necessary to have direct physical contact with players in order to develop their skills. These guidelines have been created to provide practical guidance for Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association coaches and those working directly with players to keep players safe and promote a safe environment for staff and members. Rules for physical contact must be set to reduce the potential for misconduct. Players, coaches, volunteers and organization members are required to follow these guidelines and to report immediately those who violate them.

Appropriate Physical Contact

Physical contact takes place in public or in the presence of others

Physical contact for the purpose of developing skill or technique

Physical contact with no potential for physical or sexual intimacies during the contact

The contact is for the benefit of the player, not to meet an emotional or other need of an adult

Celebratory gestures such as high-fives, fist bumps, pats on the back, shoulder and head are appropriate

Consolation gestures such as publicly embracing a crying athlete

Physical contact assisting an injured player off the ice, preventing an injury or treating an injury are appropriate

Touching in a non-threatening, non-sexual manner

Prohibited Physical Contact

Lap sitting

Lingering, maintaining prolonged or repeated embraces that go beyond what is appropriate

Slapping, hitting, punching, kicking or any other physical contact meant to discipline, punish or achieve compliance from an athlete

Playful yet inappropriate contact that is not a part of regular training, (e.g. tickling, horseplay, wrestling)

Continued physical contact that makes an athlete visibly uncomfortable

Contact involving touching of genital area, buttocks or breasts

Physical contact that intentionally causes or has the potential to cause the player to sustain bodily harm or injury

Physical or sexual abuse

Kissing

One on One Guideline

If Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association coaches choose to offer private lesson, the organization will require they follow the guidelines.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association expect all coaches to abide by appropriate player/coach conduct. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association mandates that coaches put player safety first and always be aware of their own actions and behaviors and the possible consequences. All staff and volunteers should be encouraged to demonstrate exemplary behavior in order to promote player's welfare and reduce the likelihood of abuse. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association believes that private lessons can take place in a way the does not put the player or coach at risk.

All Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association members will follow USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Program Guidelines

Follow USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Photographic and Recorded Images of Players Guidelines

Follow USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Physical Contact Guidelines

Always work in open environments visible to others

Try to provide lessons with other coaches at the same time

Maintaining a safe and appropriate distance when working with kids to avoid any confusion

Never be alone with a player. Have another coach or parent present.

Have conversations on the ice or in public, never behind closed doors

Move meetings that may start in private to public areas

When providing private lessons, do not change or dress with the child

Do not provide transportation for any player

During lessons, adhere to the purpose of the lesson and avoid horseplay or rough, physical or sexual play or games

Avoid upsetting the player.

If you need to discuss sensitive issues related to the sport that you think has the potential to upset a player, have another coach or parent join the discussion.

Private lessons are to be held at appropriate locations and times. No lessons will be held at places or time(s) that could cause confusion about the purpose of the lesson or the nature of the relationship.

Do not exchange gifts unless part of a team activity with full participation

Immediately Report the following to your SafeSport Coordinator and Director of Hockey.

If a player becomes injured or you accidentally hurt a player

If the player seems unreasonably upset

If a player is sexually inappropriate with you or another player

If the player questions any of your actions or behaviors

If the player misunderstands or misinterprets any actions or behaviors on your part

If the player discloses abuse, misconduct or questionable behavior by another player, coach or other person

Any general overall concern for the player that was made aware during your time together

Travel Guidelines

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association recognizes the importance of travel for competitive hockey team and expects respectable and mature behavior for our participants both home and away. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association also understands the additional risk of misconduct during overnight travel. The Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association does not billet players from other teams/associations traveling to Glenwood Springs when Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is acting as host for games and/or tournaments. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association also does not provide Billet homes and/or families for players participating within our association for an entire season.

All travel to games, practices, or other Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association functions are to be arranged by and are the responsibility of player parents. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association does NOT make any travel arrangements for teams or players. Team Managers will negotiate team rates and team activities during travel but parents and players are NOT required to stay at the team hotel or participate in team activities.

Should Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association arrange for a team, or a Team Manager or Coach, arrange for a team to travel as a group, the team shall get approval from the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors prior to making any arrangements and the following guidelines are a requirement for players who wish to travel with their team. Any violation of these guidelines will result in disciplinary actions. Coaches and players are to report any violations, to the Hockey Director immediately. All team chaperones must be properly screened and approved by the Association prior to travel, and the team is responsible for paying screening fees.

Player Behavior

- Travel guidelines must be agreed upon and signed by players before travel is permitted
- Players are not permitted in coach's room alone, only as a team
- Players should always travel in pairs when leaving the premises
- Drugs, alcohol and other illegal substances are not permitted in player's rooms
- Pornographic material is not allowed among players and in rooms during travel
- Roommates will shower alone and allow for privacy of others when changing
- Guests other than teammates are not allowed in player's rooms
- Players are required to follow all travel rules and Code of Conducts
- Players will have access to their parents without permission of the coach but must be within the parameters of curfew times. Visits with parents outside of curfew times, need to be discussed with coaches prior to curfew breach
- Players involved in a romantic relationship shall not share a hotel room or sleeping arrangements with each other

Coaches Behavior

- Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangements with an athlete (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, or other relative)
- Coaches, parents and other adults are not allowed in a player's room except for emergencies
- Coaches are only allowed in a player's room if accompanied by another adult or coach
- Sleeping arrangements will be decided by coach, based on age, gender and personality prior to departure
- It should be pre-determined what locations players are free to visit, the curfew time(s) and when and

where team meetings will be held

Coaches and team chaperones should have rooms near the player's rooms

If a meeting inadvertently begins in private, the meeting should be moved to an open and observable location

Coaches and other assigned adults should conduct room checks together at curfew time(s)

Players will have access to their parents without permission of the coach

Coaches are not permitted to drive or transport players alone, unless an emergency medical need exists

When a player is traveling without parents, coaches are required to notify player's parents before taking disciplinary action, other than playing time during a game

Besides coaches, another adult should be present and assist with child safety issues and the welfare of the children during travel

Training

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association will follow all required CAHA and USA Hockey SafeSport training requirements

Will ensure all coaches, staff, volunteers, employees and paid consultants meet all training needs
SafeSport Coordinator will attend all required training

All Coaches and Team Volunteers will attend a Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association SafeSport Training prior to being placed on a team roster to discuss issues and concerns about the program

All Coaches and Team Volunteers will attend a post season meeting to discuss any issues or concerns about the program

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association will work to continually educate coaches, players and members about abuse and misconduct prevention

Will provide all coaches with continued SafeSport training throughout the year by our SafeSport Coordinator

SafeSport Coordinator will ensure all members are registered with the AVS Cares website and the importance of the SafeSport messages the site will send

The SafeSport Coordinator will meet with parents and players of each team prior to November 1st or first games, (whichever is first) to conduct SafeSport Training, this manual, and SafeSport Training schedule for the team and parents.

This SafeSport Policy will be distributed to all members of Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association as part of the registration process via electronic download. This policy will also be available on the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association website. Parents will be requested to print and sign the various forms included in this document prior to their player being placed on a team

Responding and Reporting Abuse Concerns

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association believes it is the responsibility of all members, staff, volunteers, parents and players to report concerns of abuse or misconduct.

It is NOT the organization's responsibility to decide the credibility or validity of a report of concern, only the responsibility to report it.

The organization should not attempt to evaluate or investigate the report or be concerned with false reporting, but to respond appropriately and swiftly to avoid further distress to the victim. Everyone at Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association is required to report any and all concerns regarding sexual abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, hazing, coach misconduct, player misconduct and any other forms of inappropriate behavior immediately to the appropriate investigative agency and Hockey Director. USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Program guidelines are to be followed when reporting and responding to abuse.

Reporting Policy

It is the policy of USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Programs that every employee or volunteer of any USA Hockey sanctioned program must report:

1. ***Suspicions or allegations of child physical or sexual abuse.*** They are to be reported to the appropriate agency, either law enforcement authorities or social services agency
2. ***Actual or perceived violations of the USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Programs.*** They are to be reported to USA Hockey, CAHA and Local SafeSport Coordinators.
3. ***Any violations of CAHA policies prohibiting emotional abuse, sexual harassment, bullying, threats and hazing.*** They are to be reported to the appropriate Member and CAHA SafeSport Coordinators.

Any report of misconduct or suspicions of child physical abuse or sexual abuse will be taken seriously and handled appropriately. All club members are to take concerns of abuse or misconduct to the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association SafeSport Coordinator who will take appropriate action. The actions of the SafeSport Coordinator will be documented and shared with the Hockey Director and the Board of Directors. A staff member or volunteer may contact law enforcement themselves and then notify the Hockey Director immediately.

A report must be made when the reporter suspects or has reason to believe that a child has been abused or neglected, or when the reporter has knowledge of, or observes a child being subjected to, conditions that would reasonably result in harm to the child.

Concerns, suspicions or suspected "grooming" behaviors are to be told immediately to the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association SafeSport Coordinator.

Responding to Concerns

There are a number of reasons a person might need to report a concern:

- In response to something a young person has said to you - a disclosure
- In response to signs or suspicions of abuse
- In response to allegations made against an organization member, staff or volunteer

In response to allegations made about a parent or someone not working within the organization
In response to bullying or hazing
In response to violating USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Procedures
Observation of inappropriate behavior
In response to anything that makes the reporter uncomfortable based on inappropriate behavior by an adult or player

It should be clear, even if the incident occurred outside of Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association, it should still be reported to authorities. Know that authorities have professional in interviewing child victims about abuse and it is not Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association's job, so do not attempt to interview any child about a disclosure.

Always:

Stay calm
Reassure the person reporting concerns, that they have done the right thing
Don't judge
Listen carefully, take it seriously
Write down exactly what the person reporting concerns says using his or her own words
Ask open-ended questions only to clarify, who, what, where and when
Let the person reporting concerns know you have to tell someone
Report incident to appropriate authorities
Let the person reporting concerns know what your next steps are and who you will be sharing the information with
Fill out the appropriate forms

Never:

Panic
Show disbelief
Project your own reactions onto the child
Make promises you can't keep or assure confidentiality
Make the person reporting concerns repeat the information unnecessarily
Delay in reporting to your supervisor and local authorities
Make assumptions
Approach the alleged abuser
Take sole responsibility for the information you have
Try to investigate the allegations
Make negative comments about the alleged perpetrator
Share personal information about you or your child
Probe for more information

Record:

Person reporting's full name, age, date of birth, home address and telephone number
Any time, date or relevant information

Who the concern is regarding

Using the reporter's words, give an account of what happened

Document any visible injuries

Document your next steps

Document date of time of informing the Hockey Director

Document date, time and who you spoke to at the law enforcement or social service agency

Confidentiality

To the extent permitted by law, and as appropriate, Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association will keep confidential the complainant's name on request, not make public the names of potential victims, the accused perpetrator or people who made a report of physical and sexual abuse to the authorities.

Immediate Suspension or Termination

When an allegation of abuse or misconduct is made against a staff member, player or coach, that individual will be removed from interaction with players immediately and the organization will cooperate with the investigation and conduct its own internal investigation, if necessary.

No one is assumed guilty based upon a reported concern, but player safety is paramount, therefore suspensions are appropriate until the investigation(s) is complete.

Hiring/Volunteer Guidelines

When hiring a new staff or volunteer person to work within the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association organization, we will include child sexual abuse prevention screening into the general screening process. This process is for all adults and youth who are looking for employment or volunteer positions within the organization. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association will not make exceptions for applicants familiar with the organization or who are past employees.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association requires all Board of Directors, The GSYHA Hockey Director and any staff he/she has, coaches, team managers and referees, or other program coordinators (i.e. skating coaches, dryland coordinators etc. over 18) to be registered with CAHA as a coach or volunteer each season and be registered with at least one team.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association may from time to time ask and have volunteer or paid consultants whom have expertise in a specific area related to hockey and in direct or indirect contact with players. These individuals shall be directly supervised by a CAHA registered coach, Board Member, or Team Manager any time they are in contact with players.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association does NOT allow Volunteers to monitor locker rooms; Locker rooms are the responsibility of the team Head Coach to monitor. Likewise it is the responsibility of parents/guardian(s) to arrange transportation to practices and games for their players, Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association does not have any drivers nor screens any adult for driving records, or if they have adequate insurance; this is a parental obligation.

While no screening can identify every potential child abuser, we can reduce the risk by learning all we can about an applicant; most importantly their interest in working with youth. Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association believes that that SafeSport Program will deter coaches who may be at risk for abusing players from applying with the organization.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association will follow USA Hockey and CAHA SafeSport Screening Programs, conduct background checks and check new hires against the National Sex Offender Registry List.

Educate Applicants

Share safe sport policy and procedures, including USA Hockey, CAHA and Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association's SafeSport Programs, with all applicants. This will let them know the dedication to child sexual abuse prevention and might deter some applicants.

Share all Codes of Conducts.

Inform applicant that signature and full participation of the SafeSport Program is required.

Ask if applicant has any problems with the SafeSport Programs or Codes of Conduct.

Ask what type of supervision the applicant prefers to work under?

Question the applicant with specific scenarios regarding child safety. Look for appropriate responses that fit your policy and procedures.

Document commitment to SafeSport Programs

Questions for Potential Employees

When hiring employees or volunteers who would work directly with children, we will ask interview questions as provided for by CAHA, and the SafeSport coordinator will be part of the interview process.

Taking and Use of Photographic and Recorded Images of Players

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association wants to promote fun hockey activities and information about the organization and/or its players through photographs, recorded images and videos whether on our website or through print. To do this in a way that ensures the safety of players and members, Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association has safeguards to protect inappropriate use of images or recorded images. (This includes the use of a camera, digital camera, video recorder, mobile phone or personal digital assistant device or other recording device.)

There are risks posed directly and indirectly through the use of photographs and recorded images. These images can be used as a means of identifying players thus leaving them vulnerable to people who wish to “groom” them for child abuse or possibly provide information to estranged parents. Also, the images themselves can be used, modified and shared among the offender population. To avoid misuse, Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association requires the following guidelines be adhered to.

Ask for parental permission prior to use of a player’s image. Be clear with parents as to how the image will be used and stored (see parental consent form).

Never publish personal data (email, phone, home address or other information) of a player without signed consent form.

Only use images of players suitably dressed to reduce the risk of inappropriate use.

When recording a player for teaching purposes or recruiting needs, care should be taken in storing such recordings and who they are shared with.

Members should be vigilant and report any unknown individuals who are recording or photographing organization members.

Members also need to report any concerns regarding inappropriate taking or publishing of photographs or recorded images.

Report any violations.

Hiring a Professional Photographer

Have the photographer sign the volunteer Code of Conduct and read this guideline.

At large events, all parties interested in taking photos should register personal details with Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association.

Provide clear guidelines about expected behavior and content of the photography.

Photographers must wear identification, provided by Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association, at all times.

Do not allow photographer unsupervised access to players or one-on-one photo sessions without parent permission.

Do not approve photo sessions outside events or at a participant’s home.

Ensure the images taken reflect the positive aspects of hockey and the organization.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Photographic and Recorded Images Consent Form

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association recognizes the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all young people in sport. In accordance with our SafeSport Program, we will not permit photographs, video or identifying information of players to be taken or shared without the consent of the parents and players.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association will follow the guidance for the use of photographs and recording images as described in the SafeSport Program.

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association will take all steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purpose intended. If you become aware of images being used inappropriately, you should inform Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association immediately.

I _____ (parent) consent to Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association photographing or videoing and providing personal information about my child _____ (player) for the purposes of training, recruiting, marketing and promoting for further hockey development.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association
Coach, Employee and Volunteer Code of Conduct Agreement**

Name: _____

Position Title: _____ Date: _____

By signing below, I am attesting that:

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the “*Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association SafeSport Program*” and *Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Policies and Procedures*

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the “*CAHA SafeSport Program*”;

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the “*USA Hockey SafeSport Program*”;

I have asked for and received clarification about any policies I did not understand;

I understand that failure to comply with any of these policies may result in suspension or termination of employment or volunteer duties as a coach, employee or volunteer;

I understand that these policies cannot address every possible situation that presents itself and they do not eliminate the expectation of good judgment and professional behavior at all times;

I understand I am required to report any violations of these policies to the Hockey Director immediately;

I understand my duty to report and discuss any issues with player behavior, however minor. I will notify the Director of Hockey and parents of my concerns or actions taken, including why a player was benched, asked to leave the ice, dry-land or other hockey related activity.

I have read, understand and agree to the comply with the “*Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Club Code of Conduct*”;

Signature of Coach, Employee or Volunteer

Date: _____

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association

Player Code of Conduct Agreement

By signing below, I have reviewed with my parent/s or Guardian this Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Player and Club Code of Conduct Agreements, the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association SafeSport Program and the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Policies and Procedures, in addition to any team rules issue. (Each of these is a separate Document).

Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association has a ZERO tolerance policy with respect to inappropriate behavior by players, parents, guardians, coaches that is detrimental to a rewarding hockey experience, violation of Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association's Policies and Procedures which includes all aspects of GSYHA's SafeSport Program.

I understand and accept my Coach has the authority to discipline me for minor inappropriate behavior which may include extra skating, pushups, or other physical activity, or benching for all or part of a game. My Coach will report the discipline to the GSYHA Director of Hockey and to my parents. I and my parent/s or Guardian/s further understands repeated disciplinary actions at the team level or violation of SafeSport or GSYHA policies and Procedures may lead to temporary suspension from GSYHA activities and/or investigations by appropriate disciplinary authorities which may include Law Enforcement, or GSYHA Disciplinary Committee Hearing, and possible suspension from all GSYHA and/or USA Hockey activities.

My signature below signifies I have reviewed my responsibilities and expected behavior as a member of the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association with my parent/s or guardian/s; I understand the possible consequences of my misbehavior and agree to abide by the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Policies and Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association SafeSport program policies.

I _____ as parent or guardian of the player who's named below attest I have reviewed the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Policies and Procedures and SafeSport Program including expected behaviors, with my player and have discussed expected behaviors and possible consequences for misbehavior. I will promptly inform the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey- Director of Hockey, and/or the Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association SafeSport Coordinator or President of any issues brought to my attention regarding my player's behavior or behavior of other players or adults which I believe is inappropriate and possibly violating Glenwood Springs Youth Hockey Association Policies and Procedures or the SafeSport Program, I further agree to open supportive discussion regarding any misbehavior of my child always remembering all side are looking out for the best interest of your player in what may be difficult circumstances.

Player Printed Name

Parent Printed Name

Player Signature

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date