



Parent Code of Conduct

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Code Of Conduct for Parents/Legal Guardians of HHA Players

As a parent or legal guardian of a Hutchinson Hockey Association (HHA) participant(s), I agree:

1. It is a privilege, not a right, for my child to play youth hockey with HHA.
2. Sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play are essential to the sport of hockey and are important skills our children can learn from youth hockey.
3. Our children learn from our example, and we as parents and guardians need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by positively supporting all players, coaches, board members, team managers, referees, and other parents.
4. It is the intent of this policy to follow the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance policy.
5. Failure to sign the code of conduct will result in an incomplete registration status and player will not be allowed to participate.

THEREFORE, I agree to the following Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct Policy:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers, and referees at every game. I understand that it is also my role to teach my child sportsmanship, how to deal with success and failure.
2. I will not create a public display of anger toward the HHA board, coaches, players, referees, and/or spectators in any arena or via email, phone call, text messages, written or typed letters, social media, or any other means of communication.
3. I will never use abusive behavior or language towards anyone involved in youth hockey.
4. I will express any concern through proper channels in a respectful manner.
5. I will remember that "wins" are based on my child's development, teamwork, and playing within the rules.
6. I will recognize the importance of our coaches. I will take the time to attend team meetings, to get to know the coach's philosophy, expectations, and guidelines. When my child is on the ice, the coaches do the coaching. I will refrain from giving instructions to my child or any player from the sidelines.
7. I will strive to become knowledgeable of the rules of the game and I will support the official's decisions on and off the ice.
8. I understand the importance of skill development. For the younger age groups, I will remember that practices and experience benefit my child more than games and competition.
9. I will respect and adhere to the Code of Conduct of HHA and help enforce and support the Code of Conduct for players.

DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES: Should any occurrence take place as detailed above; the parent/legal guardian will be subject to the disciplinary action as follows:

The HHA Board of Directors may set forth a penalty ranging from a verbal warning up to suspension of a parent/legal guardian from all team functions for a duration based on the board's decision. Continual abuse of conduct may result in the parent/player being considered "a member not in good standing" and may result in permanent removal from the Hutchinson Hockey Association.

During the sanction, the parent/legal guardian will not be allowed in any facility during a youth hockey event, even if that parent/legal guardian has another child participating at an event on a different team.

The disciplinary actions will start as quickly as possible after a disciplinary meeting between the appropriate HHA Board Members and the involved parent(s)/legal guardian(s). Hutchinson Hockey Association Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct.

- All inappropriate actions and resulting sanctions will be maintained in confidence by the HHA Board of Directors and be cumulative throughout the family's participation in HHA. If appropriate, all sanctions will be forwarded to Minnesota Hockey and District 5 for enforcement at any away games and tournaments.
- The HHA Board of Directors, will enforce all violations and notify the individual(s) in writing, after a disciplinary meeting, outlining the sanction that is being set forth. This will be done in a timely manner.
- Any HHA member, Coach or Manager witnessing or involved in a violation of any portion of the HHA Parent Code of Conduct can bring the issue forward, to any member of the HHA Board of Directors. Issues can also be brought to the monthly scheduled board meeting. HHA believes its program is dependent upon the commitment of all coaches, parents, and players.

I have read and understand the principles stated above. I agree to abide by those principles with the understanding that if I do not follow them, it will result in disciplinary action, up to suspension from all HHA activities.

All parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must sign.

Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of HHA player:

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date _____

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____ Date _____

Player name: _____