

## **Chaska Chanhassen Hockey Association Player Code of Conduct**

Achieving a high level of sportsmanship in our league starts with teamwork! Players, coaches, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators. Playing hockey in the CCHA is a privilege, not a right.

As with all privileges, there comes the responsibility to maintain that privilege. One of your player responsibilities is to conduct yourself in a way that reflects positively on yourself, your coaches, your teammates, your family, CCHA, and the game of hockey. Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the ice during practices and games.

In order to maintain the integrity and high standards of the CCHA, all players, coaches and parents of the CCHA are expected to follow a set of guidelines that are detailed below. Please read these guidelines and sign the following acknowledgement.

Anyone who does not conduct themselves appropriately will be subject to discipline by the CCHA up to and including your suspension/removal from the association.

- I will be a positive ambassador of CCHA at all times.
- I will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, including treatment of teammates. Bullying, inappropriate behavior during games, practices, in the locker room or at any team function will result in actions as described below.
- Threats of violence against coaches, officials, teammates or oneself will result in actions as described below.
- I will follow the rules of the game at all times.
- I will respect and not criticize my teammates.
- I will control my temper.
- I will not use foul or inappropriate language.
- I will make every attempt to attend practices and games on time.
- I will respect my coaches and make every attempt to learn from them.
- I will work hard to improve my hockey skills.
- I will respect the opposing team and shake hands at the conclusion of the game.
- I will never taunt or yell at opposing players and or teams.
- I will respect the referees and not openly criticize them. I will remember that they are in control of the game, and that they are human and will make mistakes. The referees will have the last word, even if it results in me being asked to leave the game.
- I will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
- I will not encourage any behavior that would endanger the health and wellbeing of any other player.
- I will follow all CCHA rules and policies at all times.
- I will show respect to all equipment, supplies, and facilities (including but not limited to home and away rinks, hotels, restaurants, meeting spaces etc.).
- I will strive to have fun and help ensure that my teammates have a fun hockey experience as well.
- I will play hard and fair at all times.
- I understand that any violation of the CCHA Code of Conduct could result in probation, sanctions, suspensions and/or CCHA refusing my membership into CCHA in accordance with Article 6 of the Bylaws of Minnesota Hockey.

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### **Important – please read carefully:**

I have read and understand the CCHA Code of Conduct. I understand that ANY violation of this code may result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary action could include probation, suspension, immediate removal from the team, being required to appear before the CCHA Disciplinary Committee (consisting of two members of the Executive Committee and Level Commissioner) and/or CCHA's refusal of my membership in accordance with Article 6 of the Minnesota Hockey Bylaws.

### **Important – please read carefully:**

**Player Disciplinary Process:** When a player(s) are in violation of the Code of Conduct and/or disrupt team activities, the Board of Directors will enforce discipline according to the guidelines below as appropriate and subject to the Board's discretion.

**First Offense- Verbal Warning** from team coach, team manager, commissioner or CCHA Board of Directors.

**Second Offense – 2-week probation** – imposed by team coach, team manager, commissioner, or CCHA Board of Directors. Player cannot attend any sanctioned CCHA event, practice, game or scrimmage. Includes written warning asking parent to appear before the CCHA Disciplinary Committee (2 Executive Board Members and Level Commissioner).

**Third Offense – Required Disciplinary Hearing** with Level Commissioner and/or CCHA Board of Directors. Discipline could include up to parent and/or player suspension from any CCHA Sanctioned event, practice, game or scrimmage for the remainder of the season as well as potential refusal of membership with CCHA pursuant to Article 6 of the Minnesota Hockey Bylaws and/or designation as being in bad standing with CCHA for the next season. Seven first or second offenses, and repeated and/or dangerous actions may be referred directly to the CCHA Board of Directors for immediate and accelerated action. When continued disregard for the rules or policies of the CCHA, Minnesota Hockey or USA Hockey seriously disrupts CCHA and/or team activities, or the behavior is determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the CCHA to be dangerous, intimidating or excessively disruptive to others, the CCHA Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate membership, including the child's participation in further team activities. Any such decision is final and non-appealable. Any violations that are deemed to be criminal in nature will be referred to the proper authorities.

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Additionally, I understand that any game infractions that result in my suspension/appearance before the District 6 Disciplinary Committee will also require a meeting with the CCHA Disciplinary Committee. I acknowledge and agree that I will not be permitted to return to my team before I have met with both the District 6 and CCHA Disciplinary Committees, and that the CCHA Disciplinary Committee may extend the suspension beyond the District suspension at their sole discretion.

This Code of Conduct will be enforced for one hockey season beginning on the date signed during my player's registration. I also agree that any superseding policy or handbook of policies and procedures adopted by the Board during the season shall control over this Code of Conduct to the extent there is a conflict or ambiguity between them and this Code of Conduct.