

Chaska Chanhassen Hockey Association Parent's Code of Conduct

Achieving a high level of sportsmanship and positive environment in our league and our organization starts with you! Attendance and volunteer participation at sanctioned CCHA events or any CCHA related activity is a privilege, not a right. As with all privileges, there comes the responsibility to maintain that privilege. One of your parent responsibilities is to conduct yourself in a way that reflects positively on yourself, your child(ren), the CCHA, CCHA members and the game of hockey.

In order to maintain the integrity and high standards of the CCHA, all 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.

Parents who do not conduct themselves appropriately will be subject to discipline with CCHA as described below that could include your suspension/removal from the association and your child's removal from their team for the remainder of the season.

As a parent, I agree that:

- I will support and enforce the CCHA Code of Conduct for coaches, players and parents.
- I will be a positive ambassador of CCHA at all times.
- I will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, and demand that my child does the same.
- I am accountable for good sportsmanship as part of the "cheering section".
- I will be a good role model for the behaviors I want my children to emulate. I will set positive examples at the practices and games I attend.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not the adults.
- I will allow the coach to coach and not yell directions to, or criticize my child by belittling him/her.
- I will only shout words of encouragement from the stands and cheer for all players.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my desire to win.
- I will make every attempt to make sure my child attends all practices and games in a timely manner.
- I will respect the coaches and demand that my child does the same.
- I will respect the opposing team and demand that my child does the same.
- I will respect the opposing team's coaches and parents and not engage in any confrontations with them.
- I will respect the referees and not openly criticize them or tolerate my child criticizing them. I will remember that they control the game. I will also remember that they are humans and will make mistakes. If there is a disagreement, I will allow the coach to speak to the referee and refrain from getting involved. The referees will have the last word, even if it results in me being asked to leave the game. I am aware that my actions as a spectator may result in a penalty for me, my player, my team and /or the CCHA.
- I will not encourage any behaviors that would endanger the health and wellbeing of any player, spectator, coach, off-ice official and/or referee.
- I will show respect to all equipment, supplies, and facilities (including but not limited to home and away rinks, hotels, restaurants, meeting spaces, etc., and ensure that my child does the same.
- I will not allow my children to "roam" the arena facility unsupervised.

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- I will control my temper and not use foul or inappropriate language while participating in hockey-related activities.
- I will demand an environment for my child that is free of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs, and will refrain from their use at youth sports events.
- I will strive to make this hockey experience fun for all players and parents.
- I understand that our teams will be playing under Minnesota Hockey's Hockey Education Program which promotes sportsmanship, skill development and fair play. I agree to follow the guidelines of this program.
- I understand that our teams will be playing under USA Hockey's Safe Sport Program which promotes off-ice safety and provides protection to players from abuse and misconduct through education, volunteer and coach screening, and locker room supervision policies. I agree to follow the guidelines of this program.
- I will refrain from disrespectful behavior toward players, coaches, referees, parents, spectators, scorekeepers, arena workers, arena volunteers, CCHA key volunteers, CCHA board members, and any other on- or off-ice official associated with CCHA, District 6, Minnesota Hockey or USA Hockey. Any behavior determined by team coaches or the CCHA Board of Directors to be harmful, disruptive or destructive to the team or the CCHA may result in disciplinary action.
- I will refrain from any public display of anger toward CCHA coaches, players, parents, volunteers or board members in any arena, at any CCHA event, or via e-mail, social media, letter, text or phone call.
- I understand that any violation of the CCHA Code of Conduct could result in probation, sanctions, suspensions and/or CCHA refusing my family's membership into CCHA in accordance with Article 6 of the Bylaws of Minnesota Hockey.

Important – please read carefully:

Parent Disciplinary Process: When a parent(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 (cannot attend any CCHA sanctioned event, practice, game, or scrimmage) and written warning asking parent to appear before disciplinary committee.

Third Offense – Required disciplinary hearing with level commissioner and/or CCHA Board of Directors with penalties up to and including parent and/or player suspension from all practices and games for the remainder of the season, 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. Severe first or second offenses, and repeated and/or dangerous actions may be referred directly to the 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

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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 Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate CCHA membership, including the child's participation in further team activities and 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.

I have read and understand the CCHA Parent's Code of Conduct will be enforced for one hockey season beginning on the date signed during my player's registration. I understand that **ANY** violation of this code may result in disciplinary action being taken against me or my child as described above.

Additionally, any infractions that result in my or my player's removal from a game or appearance before the District 6 Disciplinary Committee will also require a meeting with the CCHA Disciplinary Committee. I (or my player or both) will not be permitted to return to association events before I have met with both the District 6 and CCHA Disciplinary Committees, and that the CCHA Disciplinary Committee may extend the suspension and any supplemental discipline beyond the District suspension or discipline at their sole and absolute discretion.

As the parent responsible for registration of my player and acknowledgement of this Code of Conduct, I understand that this Code of Conduct also extends to all parent(s), guardian(s) and family members of my player. I also understand that this Code of Conduct may be superseded by the Board's adoption of any superseding policy or handbook of policies and procedures during the season. Accordingly, I agree that any such 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.