

## Stillwater Area Hockey Association 2023-2024 Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct



As a parent or legal guardian of a Stillwater Area Hockey Association (SAHA) participant(s), \_\_\_\_\_, I agree:  
(Player's Name(s))

- A. It is a privilege, not a right, for my child to play youth hockey with SAHA.
- B. Sportsmanship, team work and fair play are essential to the sport of hockey and are important skills our children can learn from youth hockey.
- C. Our children learn from our example, and we as parents and guardians need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, team managers, referees and parents positively.
- D. To use Social Media appropriately, keeping all hockey related posts positive and focused on SAHA, not the competition, and to be careful calling out names in order to treat all players fairly.

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.
- 2. I will not create a public display of anger toward 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 my child's game, or attending an association game, at any arena.
- 4. I will express any concern through proper channels in a respectful manner.
- 5. I agree to SAHA's 24-hour rule/waiting period for discussing problems or concerns related to a player's ice time, position, or game/practice discipline.
  - A. No parent/legal guardian or other relative of any SAHA player, in a fit of frustration/anger shall contact the Coach, Assistant Coaches, Level Director, or any member of the SAHA Board of Directors, regarding a player's ice time, position, game time or practice time discipline, or a Coach's strategy decisions regarding a player, in any manner, until 24 hours have expired from the incident in question.
- 6. I will respect and adhere to all rules and Code of Conduct of SAHA, District 2, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.

7. **DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES:** Should any occurrence take place as detailed in sections 1-6 above, the parent/legal guardian will be subject to the disciplinary action as follows:

The SAHA Board of Directors may set forth a penalty ranging from a verbal warning up to suspending a parent/legal guardian from all team functions for one week to the duration of the season. 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 Stillwater Area Hockey Association.

During the sanction, the parent/legal guardian will not be allowed in any facility during a youth hockey event, regardless 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 SAHA Board Members and the involved parent(s)/legal guardian(s).

8. All inappropriate actions and resulting sanctions will be maintained in confidence by the SAHA Board of Directors and be cumulative throughout the family’s participation in SAHA. If appropriate, all sanctions will be forwarded to Minnesota Hockey and District 2 for enforcement at any away games and tournaments.
9. The SAHA Board of Directors, or any Committee appointed by the SAHA 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.
10. Any SAHA member, Coach or Manager witnessing or involved in a violation of any portion of the SAHA Parent Code of Conduct can bring the issue forward, after the 24-Hour rule, to any member of the SAHA Board of Directors. Issues can also be brought to the monthly scheduled board meeting.

**SAHA Commitment Policy**

Stillwater Area Hockey Association recognizes that the success of its program is dependent upon the commitment of all coaches, parents and players. Additionally, hockey is a sport which places substantial focus on a player’s strength within the context of the team. Missed games and/or practices by any player place an undue burden on the ability of a team to adequately perform.

With the above in mind, SAHA’s stance is that any unauthorized missed practices and/or games may result in less game time at the discretion of the head coach. Moreover, this player commits to participate in the entire post season process including, but not limited to District, Region and/or State games.

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Parent/Legal Guardian #1 Printed Name

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Parent/Legal Guardian #2 Printed Name

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Parent/Legal Guardian #1 Signature

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Parent/Legal Guardian #2 Signature

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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