

## PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

All players are ambassadors of the Madison Patriots or Madison Dragons under the Patriots Youth Hockey Association (PYHA) and USA Hockey, both on and off the ice. We are all committed to conduct ourselves in a positive manner. Whether you are at our home rink or away rink, in the locker room, traveling to tournaments, at a hotel, or at any Dragons or Patriots team events. It is our intent **TO FACILITATE A POSITIVE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL INVOLVED, AT ALL TIMES.**

I will conduct myself in a way that reflects positively upon my parent(s)/guardian(s), my friends, my teammates, my coaches, PYHA and its respective volunteers, and myself. I understand that HOCKEY IS A GAME and that games should be FUN for everyone.

1. I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct, I **WILL** be disciplined.
2. I understand that my schoolwork **WILL** come before hockey.
3. For the safety, privacy, and protection of all players, I **UNDERSTAND** the use of cell phones, or any recording devices is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**, in the locker room **AT ALL TIMES**. This policy applies to players, coaches, and team personnel, and is in line with USA Hockey's SafeSport Guidelines.
4. I **WILL NOT** conduct myself in any manner that will reflect negatively upon myself, my team, or the PYHA.
5. I **WILL NOT** use alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or any substance not suitable for a minor (ie. Vaping).
6. I **KNOW** that hitting, swearing, foul language, teasing, bullying, and disrespectful conduct **IS NOT ACCEPTABLE** on or off the ice.
7. I **WILL NOT** attack (verbally or physically) or bully any player within our association or from any other associations.
8. I understand fighting **WILL NOT** be tolerated. Fighting **WILL** result in an appearance before the Parent Review Committee.
9. I **WILL** abide by team rules, follow the directions of coaches and officials promptly, without complaint, and accept their decisions without verbal criticism or gestures that imply criticism.
10. I **WILL** treat other players, coaches, parents, fans, volunteers, and officials with respect, regardless of abilities, age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, or socio-economic status.
11. I **WILL** report any bullying to one of my parents or one of my coaches. (See USA Hockey/Safe Sport for details and definition)
12. I am expected to attend all games and practices. If I am unable to attend, I **WILL** try to inform the coach at least one day ahead, if at all possible.
13. I **WILL** practice hard, play hard, and graciously accept the outcome of the game.
14. I **WILL** be a good sport when we win and when we lose. I **WILL** encourage my teammates to do the same.
15. I **WILL NOT** destroy anyone's property.
16. I **WILL** treat the property and equipment at Hartmeyer Ice Arena and any other rink or facility where my team goes, with respect.
17. I understand the items listed above extend **TO ALL SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND TEXT MESSAGING**.
18. If I fail to abide by these rules and guidelines, it **WILL** result in any of the following disciplinary actions:
  - First Offense – Verbal Warning
  - Second Offense – Written Warning
  - Third Offense – Player Game(s) Suspension
    - The player will sit out all upcoming games until the matter is reviewed by the ALD. The player and their parents may be asked to appear before the Parent Review Committee (PRC). The ALD and/or the PRC will make a disciplinary recommendation to the Board.
    - Repeated and/or dangerous actions **WILL** be referred directly to the Board for accelerated disciplinary action. When continued disregard for the rules seriously disrupts club and/or team activities, or behavior is determined to be dangerous to others, the Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate the players club membership. All disciplinary actions may be appealed to the Board of Directors, but the action taken will remain in effect until a final Board decision has been made. Upon which time, the outcome will be one of the following:
      - Player Season Suspension
      - Termination of PYHA Membership

I understand the above and that any variations or combinations of the above actions **MAY** or **MAY NOT** necessarily be taken in an escalated manner, and PYHA reserves the right to select and impose any penalty or consequence appropriate to the situation and consistent with the recommendation of the ALD, PYHA Parent Review Committee, or PYHA Board of Directors.

**NOTE: Violating the Code of Conduct is CUMULATIVE so that violations from prior seasons do carry forward to the current season.**

Athlete's Name (Printed and Signed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian Name (Printed and Signed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_