



Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association Player Code of Conduct

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Behavior Expectations

Coaches and parents should set a positive example of sportsmanship and good conduct and, in general, be a credit to the *Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association (HAHA)* and our community.

The head coach is the person recognized as having responsibility for the team. The coach is not required to bend to parental pressure, but shall be available to discuss any situation with the players and/or parents, keeping in mind their responsibility is to coach the whole team and not any one individual. A coach shall have the flexibility to reduce a player's ice time to solve a disciplinary problem if it is in the best interest of the team.

In order to have a uniformed expectation of all participants in HAHA, each player, parent, and coach will be required to sign a specific **Code of Conduct** document at the beginning of each season. All forms must be submitted to each team's manager before their team will be registered with Minnesota Hockey. The Code of Conduct forms are printed on the pages that follow in this handbook.

Player Guidelines

- Play for FUN.
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Respect your coach, your teammates, and your parents, opponents and officials.
- Never argue with an official or a coach's decision.

Following these guidelines, all players are required to sign the Player Code of Conduct at the beginning of each new season the player is part of the Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association.



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Player Code of Conduct Form

"I understand that it is a privilege to play hockey in the Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association and as a member of the _____ team for the _____(year) season, I, _____ agree to the following Code of Conduct:

- ☐ I will not swear or use abusive language on the bench, in the locker room, in the arena, and/or at any team function.
- ☐ I will not throw equipment.
- ☐ I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers and referees at every game.
- ☐ I will treat teammates, coaches, opponents, facilities, fans and referees with respect.
- ☐ I will not drink alcohol, smoke, chew tobacco, vape, or use any other illegal substance during the hockey season.
- ☐ I will respect and adhere to all rules and Code of Conduct of the HAHA, District 11, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
- ☐ I will express any concern through proper channels in a respectful manner.
- ☐ I understand that any player who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the HAHA handbook (and above) which may include suspension.

Player Code of Conduct Consequences

Failure to comply with the player code of conduct is detrimental to the team and will not be tolerated.

Parents are encouraged to work with the coach first with regard to a violation(s) by a player. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, the coordinator should be contacted.

If needed, after discussion with their coach and/or the coordinator, a parent may request a meeting with the HAHA Policy and Procedure Committee to bring forth a violation of the player code of conduct. (The coach will be notified if a meeting is to take place.)

After this meeting the HAHA Policy and Procedure Committee may determine that the situation be handled by the player's coach or the HAHA may set forth a penalty ranging from a one game suspension to player removal from the team. Continual abuse of conduct may result in permanent removal from the Hermantown Amateur Hockey Association.

Signed by Player: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

This signed Code of Conduct must be submitted to your team manager. Your manager must submit all Conduct forms to the Registrar in order for your team to be registered for the season. Noncompliance may result in ineligibility for the player.