



Luverne Hockey Club Code of Conduct and Locker Room Policy

Code of Conduct

Members of Luverne Hockey Club are to behave in a respectful manner in both home and away: ice arenas, locker rooms, hotels, and restaurants:

1. No swearing or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.
2. No lashing out at any official-no matter what the call is! The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
3. Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.
4. Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting will result in intervention through the grievance process.
5. There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco, or use of illegal substances at any team function.
6. Players will conduct themselves in a respectful manner in all facilities (ice rink, hotels, restaurants, etc.) during all team functions.
7. Luverne Hockey Club follows and stands by USA/MN SafeSport Policy.
8. The violation of any of the above rules may be subject to further disciplinary action.

In addition to the development of our hockey players and enjoyment of the sport of hockey, the safety and protection of our participants is central to Luverne Hockey Club's goals. Luverne Hockey Club adheres to USA Hockey's SafeSport Program as a means to help protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of misconduct, including emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment, and hazing. To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring in our locker rooms, Luverne Hockey Club has adopted the following locker room policy. This policy is designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms.

Locker Room Monitoring

It is the policy of USA Hockey that at least one responsible, screened adult is present and directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure only coaches, players, approved team personnel, and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise conduct in the locker room. The responsible adult monitoring and supervising the locker room must be screened have been properly screened in compliance with USA Hockey Screening policy.

Locker Room Behavior

Players should behave in a respectful manner at all times. Violation of locker room policy may lead to suspension or removal from the team for the balance of the Season. No player is allowed in the locker room more than 20 minutes before any practice. No player is allowed in the locker room more than 60 minutes before any game. Stick handling, passing of any type of ball, or tape ball is prohibited. There will be no tolerance of throwing of ice shavings, tape, equipment, etc. All trash must be placed in the trash cans. Conversation should be kept to comfortable levels (no screaming or yelling). Never touch equipment, clothing, or other items that belong to others.

Parents in Locker Rooms

Except for players at the younger age groups, we discourage parents from entering locker rooms unless it is truly necessary. If a player needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear, if the player is or may be injured, or a player's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents let the coach know beforehand that he or she will be helping the player. Naturally, with

our youngest age groups it is necessary for parents to assist the players getting dressed. We encourage parents to teach their players as young as possible how to get dressed so that players will learn as early as possible how to get dressed independently. In circumstances where parents are permitted in the locker room, coaches are permitted to ask that the parents leave for a short time before the game and for a short time after the game so that the coaches may address the players. As players get older, the coach may in his or her discretion prohibit parents from a locker room.

Mixed Gender Teams

Some of our teams consist of both male and female players. It is important that the privacy rights of all of our players are given consideration and appropriate arrangements made. Where possible, Luverne Hockey Club will have the male and female players dress/undress in separate locker rooms and then convene in a single locker room before the game or team meeting. Once the game or practice is finished, the players may come to one locker room for a team meeting and then the male and female players proceed to their separate locker rooms to undress and shower, if available. If separate locker rooms are not available, then the players will take turns using the locker room to change. Where possible, when both female and male players are together in the locker room, there should be at least two adults in the locker room who have been properly screened in compliance with USA Hockey Screening policy.

Cell Phones and Other Mobile Recording Devices

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms. If phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the locker room. It may be acceptable to take photographs or recordings in a locker room in such unique circumstances as a victory celebration, team party, etc., where all persons in the locker room are appropriately dressed and have been advised that photographs or recordings are being taken.

Prohibited Conduct and Reporting

Luverne Hockey Club prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook. Participants, employees or volunteers of Luverne Hockey Club may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these locker room policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies. Reports of any actual or suspected violations may be submitted to the Luverne Hockey Club Grievance Director, emailed to USA Hockey at SafeSport@usahockey.org, or you may call 1-800-888-4656.

Luverne Hockey Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____