

# Osseo-Maple Grove Youth Hockey Association Parent Code of Conduct Policy

Revised October 2018

As a parent or legal guardian of an Osseo-Maple Grove Youth Hockey (OMGHA) participant, I agree:

- A. That it is a privilege, not a right, for our child/children to play youth hockey.
- B. That sportsmanship, team work and fair play are essential to the sport of hockey.
- C. That sportsmanship, team work and fair play are the most important skills that our child/children can possibly gain from youth hockey.
- D. That because our child/children learn from our example, we as parents need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, team managers, referees and parents.

THEREFORE, I agree to the following Parent Code of Conduct Policy:

1. **24 HOUR RULE:** OMGHA has established a 24 Hour waiting period for discussing problems or concerns that occur during the season related to a player's ice time, position, or game/practice discipline.

OMGHA has also established a 24 Hour waiting period for discussing problems or concerns that occur during tryouts related to a player's team selection or tryout status.

No parent/legal guardian or other relative of any OMGHA player, in a fit of frustration/anger shall contact the Coach, Assistant Coaches, Level Director, or any member of the OMGHA 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, until 24 hours have expired from the incident in question. This 24 Hour waiting period applies to any communication whether by email, phone call, text message, written/typed letters or any other means of social media.

After 24 hours has passed from the conclusion of said event or incident the parent/legal guardian is to contact the Level Director with the issue if the parent/legal guardian so decides. If communication with the Level Director is not possible, or not advisable, due to extenuating circumstances, contact with an OMGHA Vice-President is appropriate. If such an event or incident occurs, and the 24 hour rule is NOT followed by the parent/legal guardian, the parent/legal guardian will be sanctioned by the OMGHA Board of Directors in accordance to our sanctioning guide lines.

2. Parents and/or players who are evicted from any rink will be sanctioned by the OMGHA Board of Directors in accordance to our sanctioning guide lines.

3. Parents and/or players who create public displays of anger toward their coaches in any arena, or via email, phone call, text messages, written/typed letters or any other means of social media will be sanctioned by the OMGHA Board of Directors in accordance with our sanctioning guidelines.

4. Parents and/or players, who create public displays of anger toward referees, parents/players of any OMGHA teams or any opposing teams, including any verbal abuse, profane or disparaging language, threats of physical violence, actual physical violence, or any other conduct determined to be detrimental

to OMGHA will be sanctioned by the OMGHA Board of Directors in accordance to our sanctioning guidelines.

**5. LEVELED DISCIPLINE:** If any occurrence takes place as detailed above in sections 1-4, the sanctions will be as follows:

First offense will be a MINIMUM two-week suspension from all OMGHA events, including team events, home and away practices, games and tournaments.

A second offense will result in a MINIMUM one calendar year suspension from all OMGHA events, including team events, home and away practices, games and tournaments.

A third offense will result in the parent/players being considered “a member not in good standing”.

At any time, due to the severity of the said offenses, the disciplinary action can be elevated from the leveled discipline matrix in this section. The suspensions will start as quickly as possible after a discussion between the appropriate OMGHA Board member(s) and the involved parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

6. All inappropriate actions and resulting sanctions will be maintained in confidence by the OMGHA Board of Directors and be cumulative throughout the families’ participation in OMGHA. If appropriate, all all sanctions will be forwarded to Minnesota Hockey and District 3 for enforcement at any away games and tournaments.

7. Parents, Legal Guardians, and Players agree to abide by all the rules set forth by USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, District 3 and the Osseo-Maple Grove Youth Hockey Association and its coaches. Any violation will be sanctioned by the OMGHA Board of Directors in accordance with our sanctioning guidelines listed above in section 5.

8. The OMGHA Board of Directors, or any Committee appointed by the OMGHA Board of Directors will enforce all violations and notify the individual(s) in writing, after a disciplinary hearing, outlining the sanction that is being set forth. This will be done in a timely manner.

9. Any OMGHA member witnessing or involved in a violation of any portion of the OMGHA Parent Code of Conduct can bring the issue forward, after the 24 hour rule, to the Board of Directors by emailing the Level Director, President and/or the Vice President. Issues can also be brought to the monthly scheduled board meeting.

If a parent or legal guardian does not agree with a sanction or disciplinary action, please refer to the OMGHA Grievance Policy (located at Chapter 2 of the OMGHA Handbook).

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Parent / Legal Guardian #1 Printed Name

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Parent / Legal Guardian #1 Signature

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

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Parent / Legal Guardian #2 Printed Name

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Parent / Legal Guardian #2 Signature

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