

Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Association Player and Parent Code Of Conduct

This Code of Conduct provides the player, parent, managers, and coaches a common reference regarding the expectations of one's conduct.

All determinations regarding conduct and consequences thereof are at the sole discretion of the Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Association (TVMHA) Vice President of Travel Programs, team Head Coach, and his coaching staff. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to a fun, successful, and exciting season.

1. In addition to the Club registration fees and dues, as outlined in the registration forms, I/we understand that my/our child has paid to LEARN the skills and concepts associated with the sport of ice hockey and that I/we have not paid FOR GUARANTEED PLAYING TIME for my/our child. TVMHA coaching staff is committed to developing ALL players' skill, however there are times in certain situations that some players will see more playing time at the coaches' discretion.
2. Coaching is NOT a science and all coaches will make decisions that are popular and unpopular as well. I/we believe that every member of the TVMHA coaching staff acts in the best intentions of the team and the best intentions of each and every player on the team. I/we may not agree with every decision the coach makes, but I/we will respect those decisions and act accordingly. I/we will only talk to the coaches about our son/daughter, not other players.
3. I/we are responsible for my/our and my/our child's conduct at all team functions. TVMHA coaches attend games and tournaments as coaches, not to chaperone the players. That is the parent's responsibility.
4. In the event I/we have concerns or questions about my/our child's status with regards to his/her team, I/we will follow the process described below in the order to understand the situation:
 - a. No discussion is to take place relating to coaching decisions for a minimum of AT LEAST 24 hours following the game or practice at which the incident(s) up for discussion has taken place.
 - b. Parents will communicate through the team manager in an effort to set up a meeting with the coach and or club directors, regarding all hockey related issues.
 - c. The team manager will direct all parent concerns to the team head coach. The head coach, at his discretion, may respond directly to the parent or through the team manager.
 - d. The coaches are not obligated to explain or defend their decisions, philosophies, or determinations. Topics such as playing time, line combinations, and positions are not up for argument.
 - e. Should any issue remain unresolved, any person may direct their concerns, in writing via e-mail, to the Vice President of Travel Programs.
5. I/we fully recognize that I/we are role models to all players in the USA Hockey and the TVMHA programs and will conduct ourselves within the rules and guidelines established by USA Hockey, NorCal, CAHA, and the Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Association. If we do not behave in a manner consistent with the sportsmanship and professionalism USA Hockey and TVMHA demand from their players and coaches, we may be asked to refrain from attending future practices and games. Verbal abuse of the coach(s), Player(s), referee(s), scorekeeper(s), league official(s), or any staff members at any rink is strictly prohibited, will not be tolerated, AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY MEASURES.
6. Practice is an important part of the development of a player. I/we will make every reasonable effort to have my/our child attend all the scheduled practices and games. In the event my/our child cannot attend a practice or a game, the team manager and or head coach must be notified.

7. Parents and players are to agree that playing ice hockey is a privilege. Parents may feel it appropriate to limit their child's participation in ice hockey activities if responsibilities such as school work or family matters are not being met. PARENTS SHOULD COMMUNICATE IN ADVANCE WITH THE HEAD COACH AND/OR A DESIGNATED MEMBER OF THE COACHING STAFF, TO INFORM THEM OF THEIR CHILD'S UPCOMING ABSENCE OR OTHER COMMITMENT.
8. I/we will leave the coaching to the coaching staff and not interfere with or undermine the coaches at anytime. I/we will refrain from excessive yelling, communicating, and or coaching my/our child during practices and games. Your child chose this sport because it's fun and undue pressure applied by a parent or anyone else is not in the best interest of the child. Same holds true for ANY player on the team. I/we will keep any negative comments to any individual player or coach to my/ourselves. Discipline action may result in failure to comply.
9. Parents are not allowed in the player's dressing room at any time unless permission to be there has been granted by the coaching staff. Coaches may choose, at their discretion, to appoint a parent or two in an effort assist in keeping the dressing room in an orderly condition whether at home or away events. All dressing rooms MUST be left in the order they were first entered, in other words, clean and orderly. The attendant must be screened in accordance to CAHA guidelines.
10. All players are to exhibit absolute adherence to good sportsmanship during practices/games and must adhere to any and all team rules and regulations administered by the team's head coach. These rules and regulations apply to, but are not limited to, any ice hockey facilities used by the team, airports, airplanes, hotels, restaurants, and any other facility used by the team whether at home or away.
11. I/we agree to keep my/our financial obligations to the club and the team up to date. In the event past due balances to the club and or the team become delinquent in or after the playing year, my/our name will be reported to NorCal for placement on their delinquent list and my/our child will be unable to tryout for, or play for, and USA Hockey sanctioned team or event, until such a time that the past due balances is paid full and NorCal/CAHA have been notified.
12. I/we understand and will abide by this Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Association Code of Conduct as stated above. If any part of this Code of Conduct is not followed at any time, my/our child and I/we may be subject to disciplinary action. Continued abuse of the Code of Conduct will only call for dismissal from TVMHA. Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Association will hold each and every player, parent, coach, spectator, and staff member, accountable for their actions as they relate to any and all ice hockey activities while representing the Club, home or away.
13. Any player who is found to be in possession of, or uses illegal narcotics, alcohol, unauthorized prescription medication, steroids or any other "mood altering" substances as defined in the USA Hockey Annual Guide Policy "F", shall be immediately suspended from all TVMHA activities pending a hearing which may, in its judgment, expel the player from the club. TVMHA shall also refer the matter to both NorCal and CAHA who may take further discipline action deemed necessary.

I have read and understood the Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Association Parent/Player Code of Conduct.

I also understand all USA Hockey, CAHA, TVMHA and NorCal rules are readily available on the appropriate websites.

Player Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Team: _____