

**MAINE GLADIATOR HOCKEY (GLADIATORS) PLAYER/PARENT/GUARDIAN
AGREEMENT**

This AGREEMENT is entered into between **(“The Player”)** _____,
born on _____ **(“The Player”)** and jointly and severally by the Player’s Parent and/or legal
guardian, _____, residing at **(Address)** _____.

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(“The Parent/Guardian”) and **Maine Gladiators** (“The Club”), a youth hockey Organization for the 2026-2027 hockey season, which is defined as lasting from the date of signing of this agreement until April 15, 2027 (“The Season”). It is understood that the Parties **intend to be legally bound by this Agreement**, and that this Agreement was signed in, and is enforceable, in the State of Maine, and that all references to the Player includes males and females.

1. The player agrees to play Maine Gladiator amateur ice hockey **exclusively** for the above mentioned Club and may not register for, be evaluated for or play for any other club for the entire season (July through the completion of the National Tournament for the division), except that the player may also participate with any middle school, AAU tournament/supplemental team, high school run program, or another team sport; provided those programs do not interfere with Gladiator games, practices or other events. Gladiator games, practices and other events must be first priority, except for high school and preparatory players. Coaches may discipline players for missing Gladiator events for a supplemental team, middle school hockey events, or other sporting events.
2. The Player agrees that he/she will attend all of the Club’s ice practices, games, off-ice training, instructional sessions and organized team meetings, except when prevented from doing so for educational or medical reasons, in which case, the player will request permission in advance (when reasonably possible to do so) to be absent. The Club acknowledges that such permission will be granted for all reasonable requests. The player agrees that he/she will maintain his/her academic and educational course work at the highest-level possible.
3. All players will provide confirmation of USA Hockey registration and all new players shall provide a copy of their Birth certificate to their Coach or league administrator upon request. All new players shall provide a MEAHA release form (electronic process) from their prior organization with this commitment agreement.
4. The Player agrees to obey the laws of the State of Maine and that he/she will maintain good citizenship and behavior at all Club events, as well as in his/her everyday life, recognizing that his/her behavior is a reflection upon the Club.
5. The Parent/Guardian agrees to be responsible for the financial commitment made in this Agreement (which includes the payment of a Registration Fee and a Player Fee according to the 26-27 fee schedule), even in the event that Player’s Club or playing privileges are suspended and/or terminated for any reason, including but not limited to disciplinary or academic issues, injury or illness, and understand this to mean that in no case will the Player Fee be prorated for any portion of the season. Players sustaining long-term injury may be eligible for partial Player Fee credit per Club Injury policy. The Parent/Guardian understands that **if a payment is delinquent**, then the Player’s **playing and participation privileges** with the Club and his/her team **will be suspended** until the delinquent amount is paid or acceptable payment arrangement is made with the Club, solely within the Club’s discretion.
6. **In addition, all old debts will need to be current with the Maine Gladiators or your local youth hockey organization, before your child will be allowed on the ice for any practices, games, or warm-ups/tryouts being offered.**
7. The Parent/Guardian agrees that the Registration fee is non-refundable. Once the Player is placed on a team that fee is credited to the Player Fee. If the Player declines his/her position on a team, after the date designated by the Club, the Player will **not** be entitled to receive a refund.
8. The Parent/Guardian understands that if the Player resigns or otherwise voluntarily terminates his/her participation for any reason, then the Player is not entitled to a refund of the Player Fee and must pay the entire remaining balance of the Player Fee before a Player Release Form will be issued.
9. We understand that the Maine Gladiators is an athlete funded program. We understand the financial commitment for the Player fee is based on the team’s roster size (roster size is the discretion of the head coach and board president), at the time the team is picked, according to the table below (Goalies no discount) and payable prior to our first ice session (practice or game) as follows:

A. A \$500.00 registration fee/deposit shall accompany the signing of this agreement.

B. Player fees:

	Tier 2	Assessment Cost		Tier 3	Assessment Cost
	16-18 Skaters	\$2300		16-18 Skaters	\$2200
	15 Skaters	\$2500		15 Skaters	\$2400
	14 Skaters	\$2700		14 Skaters	\$2500
	13 Skaters	\$3000		13 Skaters	\$2700
	12 Skaters	\$3200		12 Skaters	\$2900
	Goalie	\$1000		Goalie	\$1000

C. The remaining balance shall be discounted by \$100 if paid as follows:

1. If paid in full **prior to or on** July 31, 2026 the remaining balance is: -\$100 (no goalie discount)
2. ***If paid on or after August 1, 2026, no discount shall apply***
3. Summer payment due on August 1, 2026: \$1600.00 Skater, \$500 Goalie
4. Final payment due on or before September 1, 2026: Remaining Balance
5. The goalie fee is for full-time goalies, only. Regardless of registration as a goalie or not, if the player/goalie plays out, and/or intends to play other positions (skater) in addition to goalie, in one or more games or practices, the player will pay the full player fee, based on the team roster size (9B) and forfeit the goalie fee.
6. If a player or goalie has a credit balance, it will be applied to the final payment of the season.
7. **Any player with a past due balance at any time will not be allowed to skate with the team.**

D. Any assessment not paid in full by September 1, 2026 shall incur a \$200.00 monthly late fee. No player with an outstanding balance may participate in any Gladiators activities, including practices, games, or other team events, until the assessment and all accrued late fees are paid in full.

E. Players may be added after tryouts/after team is picked at the discretion of the coach and with permission from board president. Those assessments will be determined by the board president, depending if/when a player is added, and will not change the player fees outlined in 9B.

F. Under no circumstances are payments to be given to the coach of the player's team. All payments must be mailed to PO Box 7265, Lewiston, Maine 04243-7265 OR paid online in sufficient time so that it is **received** prior to the due date. The date of mailing will not be considered.

G. The Parent/Guardian understands that they are responsible for arranging all travel and accommodations for participation in Club functions, including out of town games and tournaments/showcases.

H. All required player equipment and uniforms are the sole financial responsibility of the player and the parent/guardian and are not included in the Club's assessment fee. This includes, without limitation, all game uniforms. Each player is required to purchase and wear the following at their own expense: a black helmet, all black hockey pants, predominantly matching gloves, and two (2) new game jerseys (home and away) designated by the Club. Home and away game jerseys are not provided or subsidized by the Club under any circumstances. Game jerseys purchased or used in any prior season(s) will not be used or worn in games or practices for the 2026 – 2027 season. The Club will provide the following items only: one (1) practice jersey, one (1) set of practice socks, and two (2) sets of game socks (home and away). Team jackets are optional and, if purchased, are at the sole expense of the player and the parent/guardian.

10. The Parent/Guardian understands that the Club may, at their sole discretion, based on past payment history, or other sound business practice, can elect to require the full payment of Player Fees once a player is placed on a team.

11. The Player understands that he/she is responsible for fines or costs assessed for damage to facilities, locker rooms, etc., used in conjunction with Club's practices, games or other team events which are caused by the above-named player.

12. The Parent/Guardian understands that any discounts will be forfeited if any payments aren't made on a timely basis.

13. The Parent/Guardian understands that the Club is entitled to assess a reasonable charge for any returned check or credit card charge.

14. The Player and Parent/Guardian agree to abide by all rules and regulations of USA Hockey, Inc., the MEAHA, and the Club. In addition, any teams that may participate in the MVHL and/or VHL league(s) or other leagues, tournaments or showcases will abide by all their rules and regulations.

(Effective March 2026)

15. The Club does not guarantee nor promise that it can improve the college or professional hockey potential of the player or guarantee equal playing time. However, the club will provide, to the best of its ability, the best environment, coaches and skill development, to assist the player in realizing his/her full hockey potential.
16. The Player and Parent/Guardian will sign the USA Hockey Waiver of Liability, USA Hockey Consent to Treat forms, and USA Hockey Code of Conduct form when required.
17. The Player and Parent/Guardian agree that the Club, and its sponsors/affiliates, may utilize the Parent/Guardian's e-mail / mailing addresses and Player photographs, pictures and likenesses for promotional purpose. The Player and Parent/Guardians agree that Norway Saving Bank Arena may broadcast via video, television or stream online any activities held at Norway Savings Bank Arena.
18. The annual player fee includes ice time for team practices and skill development (practice and skill duration is the option of the club) with Tier 2 and Tier 3 teams being on the ice approximately 2-3 times per week for practice and at the option of the Club, a combination of full ice, half ice and skills sessions; personalized game jerseys (required an at the expense of the player); game socks; practice jersey; practice socks; approximately 30 games combined MEAHA, supplemental league, non-league and tournaments/showcases; referee and timekeeper fees; the Maine State and Regional Tournament (if qualifies); preseason sessions, and administrative costs. If the Club's board determines that the annual travel offering has been fulfilled, no refunds will be issued to parties claiming that any or all aspects of the offering were not met.
19. All parties to this agreement will not be liable for any failure or delay in performance of this agreement in the event of a state of emergencies, natural disasters like hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and weather disturbances sometimes referred to as "acts of God" or other events such as war, terrorism or threats of terrorism, civil disorder, labor strikes or disruptions, fire, disease or medical epidemics, pandemics or other outbreaks that render performance impossible, inadvisable, commercially impracticable, or illegal.
20. The player and Parent/Guardian recognize that the player is part of a team at one of the higher levels in the State of Maine. As such, there is no guarantee of perpetual playing times, from player to player, and that the Coach, at their discretion, is unconditionally allowed to be prejudicial in playing times of player e.g.: power play, penalty kill, extra man, goaltending, playoffs, or during tight/competitive games. As such, a player may sit the bench to be favored or replaced by another player at the Coach's discretion. It is also an expectation that coaches recognize this is a youth sport, and that all players picked for this team will play in games.
21. Parent/Guardians and Player understand the risks inherent in the participation in the game of hockey. Parent/Guardians and Players acknowledge and assume all risk, present or future, chance or hazard that undeveloped or unmanifested claims may occur, relating to or arising from their participation in the Gladiator program. Parent/Guardians, individually and behalf of the player release and indemnify, defend and hold harmless, the Maine Gladiators, its principals, agents, and representatives (individually and collectively the "Releasees'") from any and all liability, loss, or damage, (including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and costs) whether caused by the Releasees' negligence, action, omission to act, or otherwise, and waives any and all claims, or demands of any kind or nature whatsoever against the Releasees arising from or relating in any way, directly or indirectly, to the Player's voluntary participation in said activities.

Parent/Guardian and Player Code of Conduct

22. The Parent/Guardian and Player agrees not to use vulgar or profane language, racial, ethnic or gender related slurs toward teammates, coaches, officials, opponents or spectators and will agree to/sign the USA Hockey parent/spectator code of conduct at the Club's request.
23. The Parent/Guardian and Player agrees that alcohol, tobacco/nicotine products, vapes and all legally banned substances, which includes marijuana, cocaine, non-prescribed medications, including performance enhancing substances and other related drugs, have no place in hockey and Player agrees not participate in such use.
24. The Parent/Guardian and Player recognizes that there is no place for violent or overly aggressive play in hockey where the obvious intent is to injure or harm another player, and agrees not to participate in such conduct.
25. The Parent/Guardian and Parent/Guardian agrees to respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to hockey. Parent/Guardian and Player further agrees not to yell, taunt, threaten or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, official or spectator at any Club function.

- 26. The Parent/Guardian and Player agrees to leave the coaching to the coaching staff. The Parent/Guardian will encourage his/her player to compete in a manner consistent with the team and organizations strategy or plans. The Parent/Guardian will respect the coach’s experience, decisions and abilities.
- 27. The Parent/Guardian and Player recognizes that the Executive Board may take disciplinary action, up to and including suspension, for any Parent/Guardian or player that does not act in accordance with respectful and supportive behavior towards other players, other Parent/Guardians, coaches, referees, and any other participant in the hockey season.
- 28. The Parent/Guardian will discuss any serious concern for safety or the wellbeing of the player with the coach, directly, in a professional manner, at a scheduled time, not before or after games or practices. If no resolution is agreed upon, the Parent/Guardians have the right to raise the issue to the President of the Gladiator organization, but will not immediately alter any discipline handed down by the coaching staff as agreed by the signing of this Parent/Guardian and Player Code of Conduct.
- 29. The Maine Gladiators and facility staff are committed to maintaining a safe and structured environment for all players. However, players who arrive earlier than the designated time are subject to the following guidelines:
Practice/Dryland Sessions: Players who arrive **more than 30 minutes** before the scheduled start time of a practice or dryland session will not be supervised by facility staff or Maine Gladiators personnel. The responsibility for supervision during this time lies with the player and/or their parent or guardian.
Games: Players who arrive **more than 45 minutes** before the scheduled start time of a game will not be supervised by facility staff or Maine Gladiators personnel. The responsibility for supervision during this time lies with the player and/or their parent or guardian.
- 30. Parents/Guardians understand that the logos of the club are copyrighted, and as such, are the sole property of the Maine Gladiators. Use of the club’s logos, without written consent of the board president, is strictly prohibited, and unauthorized use will result in a \$500 fine, per occurrence, assessed per club policy.

The Player and Parent/Guardian acknowledge that failure to abide by the rules set forth in this agreement constitutes a breach of this Agreement and subjects the Player and his/her Parent/Guardians to disciplinary action by the executive board, which may include suspension or expulsion from the Club.

We hereby agree to the terms of this Agreement, acknowledge that we have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth herein, and agree to be legally bound by this Agreement.

Player

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

Jay Dufour, President Maine Gladiators

Date

Method and amount of payment at time of signing: _____

Amount

Form of payment

