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Brownsville - California  
Charleroi - Ringgold  
South Allegheny - Yough

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### Player Code of Conduct

All players, Middle School through Varsity, will be expected to follow all USA Hockey, Mid American District (MIDAM), Pennsylvania Interscholastic Hockey League (PIHL) rules as well as Ringgold Hockey Association's by-laws and policies.

If there is a conflict between RHA by-laws/policies and USA Hockey/PIHL rules, the latter will take precedence.

Players are expected to contact coaches via phone/text if they are to be late or absent from a game or practice.

- Failure to do so results in a one period benching during next game
- Enforcement is at the discretion of the head coach

Players are expected to arrive 60 minutes prior to all games.

- Head Coach may make exception due to timing/location of particular game(s)

Coaches will be allowed to immediately dismiss from a game any player using foul or abusive language toward teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators.

Coaches will be allowed to dismiss from the game any player for any flagrant violations of rules on boarding, crosschecking, charging, high sticking, etc.

Any player who exceeds three penalties per game that the coach feels is deliberate:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense = 1 Period Benching
  - Multiple players = coach selects period
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense = 2 Periods Benching
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense = 1 Game Suspension
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense = Indefinite Suspension

Absolutely no fighting will be tolerated.

For every game suspension incurred under the auspices of USA Hockey, Mid American District, or the PIHL, the RHA may assess an additional game suspension.

Deliberate intent to injure another player during games or practices could result in immediate expulsion from the team.

Players are NOT permitted to use or bring weapons, alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, vaping products, or any other illicit substance (including pornographic materials) to any RHA practice, game, or off-ice event.

- Penalty will be immediate suspension from team activities pending investigation by RHA Board of Directors.

Abuse of the RHA Player Code of Conduct could result in the player(s) being expelled from the team.

Players suspended or removed from the team for violation of team by-laws and policies, or league rules shall not be entitled to any refund or fees paid.

Players suspended or removed from the team in violation of the Player Code of Conduct may appeal their penalty to the RHA Board of Directors, per RHA Discipline Procedure.

The Board of Directors will support the coach's decision when RHA's by-laws and policies are properly followed.