

It is expected that ALL parents of USA Hockey participants read and understand the Parent's/Legal Guardian's Code of Conduct and continue to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Code throughout the year/season at all team and league activities.

As a parent/legal guardian of a child involved in a program of **Indiana Youth Hockey Association**, I agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines below.

- I will leave the coaching to the coaching staff. I will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans and I will emphasize skill development and a serious approach to practices and explain how skill development will benefit my child. Parents are responsible for supporting the coach's decisions and abilities and it is unfair to put children in the position of having to decide who to listen to, their parents or their coaches.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to hockey for my child. This includes (but not limited to) coaching staff, team manager and board members.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship through my actions, by demonstrating positive support for all players.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will remember that children learn by examples. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents. I will not be critical of, or embarrass any player, including opposition players.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with the athletes to provide a positive experience for all.
- I will demand my athlete treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with dignity and in language, attitude, behavior, and mannerisms. I will never yell, taunt, threaten or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, official or spectator at any hockey event.
- I will communicate all and any concerns regarding inappropriate behavior to the Team Manager, Coach, Coaching Director or local youth hockey association representative.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety my athlete or the safety of others.
- I will respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility, both home and away.

I understand that by signing this document I am agreeing to support and promote this Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. **Further, my failure to comply with this Agreement or my participation in any of the defined CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from Indiana Youth Hockey Association and its affiliate member associations.**

#### **CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE**

*Examples of words or actions which will constitute a violation of the Code include, but are not limited to the following:*

- Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator
- Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator
- Going into the locker/dressing room of an opposing team or obstructing their access to or exit from said room and arena
- Going into the officials' locker/dressing room or obstructing their access to or exit from said room and arena
- Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms;
- Going onto the ice surface;
- Throwing of any object onto the ice surface, into the player area(s), or at another individual
- Pounding or climbing on the glass
- Defacing or damaging property belonging to any individual, team, association or arena
- Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials
- Inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviors;
- Any other conduct that is not in compliance with the tenants of the IYHA HOCKEY Program