

## Stillwater Area Hockey Association 2023-2024 Player Code of Conduct



I understand that it is a privilege to play hockey in the Stillwater Area Hockey Association (SAHA) and as a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ team for the 2023-2024 season, I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the following Code of Conduct:

(Player's Name)

1. I will take pride in my team and contribute to the team's unity. I will not criticize another teammate's play. The interests of the team shall take precedence over individual exploits. There will be zero tolerance for abusive behavior (including social media) intended to demean or harass a teammate or any other SAHA player or opponent.
2. I will adhere strictly to the Coach's rules and be supportive of their practice plans, game plans, and other decisions. I will be at the rink by the appointed time as set by the Coach with all necessary gear. I will participate in all games and practices unless there is a compelling reason for missing. I will notify the Coach in advance when I must miss and provide a reason.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating respect and positive support for my teammates, opponents, coaches, fans, volunteers and referees at every game.
4. I will not criticize referees or use obscene language or gestures or other behavior deemed to be abusive directed toward referees. The only individuals who may speak to officials are the Coaches and/or designated captains under the instructions of their Coaches.
5. I will conduct myself in a respectable manner and represent SAHA in the highest possible manner both on and off the ice. Abusive language and behavior will not be tolerated. I will not throw equipment. I will not drink alcohol, smoke, chew tobacco, vape or use any other illegal substance at any time. Use of illegal substances will not be tolerated.
6. I will not use cell phones in the locker room (unless appointed by the team to use my phone for locker room music). Cell phones and other devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms.
7. No attempt should be made to deliberately injure another player. Any player incurring a Match penalty for "Attempt to Injure" or other offense deemed equally serious by the Coach shall be subject to suspension beyond the USA HOCKEY rules as deemed appropriate by the SAHA Board. The Level Director will be notified as soon as possible of the incident.
8. I will not use Social Media to insult anyone and will keep all hockey related posts positive and focused on SAHA, not the competition.
9. I will adhere to all the rules and Code of Conduct of SAHA, District 2, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
10. I understand that any player who cannot abide by these rules (or violates them) will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Player Behavior Discipline Guidelines below.

11. Any SAHA member, Coach or Manager witnessing or involved in a violation of any portion of the SAHA Player Code of Conduct can bring the issue forward, after the 24-Hour rule, to any member of the SAHA Board of Directors. Issues can also be brought to the monthly scheduled board meeting.

### **Player Behavior Discipline Guidelines**

Should any occurrence take place as detailed in the sections above, the player will be subject to disciplinary action as follows:

The SAHA Board of Directors may set forth a penalty ranging from a verbal warning to suspending a player from all team functions for one week to the duration of the season.

Continual code of conduct abuse may result in the player being considered “a member not in good standing” and may result in permanent removal from the Stillwater Area Hockey Association (all registration fees, level fees and team fees will be forfeited; all SAHA issued jerseys, socks and apparel will be returned).

During the sanction, the player will not be allowed in any facility during a youth hockey event, regardless if that player has another sibling or relative participating at an event on a different team.

The disciplinary actions will start as quickly as possible after a disciplinary meeting between the appropriate SAHA Board Members, the involved player and parent(s)/legal guardian(s), and the player’s Head Coach.

### **SAHA Commitment Policy**

Stillwater Area Hockey Association recognizes that the success of its program is dependent upon the commitment of all coaches, parents and players. Additionally, hockey is a sport which places substantial focus on a player’s strength within the context of the team. Missed games and/or practices by any player place an undue burden on the ability of a team to adequately perform.

With the above in mind, SAHA’s stance is that any unauthorized missed practices and/or games may result in less game time at the discretion of the head coach. Moreover, this player commits to participate in the entire post season process including, but not limited to District, Region and/or State games.

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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