



Welcome Parents and Players to the Edina Hockey Association!

This guidebook is intended to familiarize you with the Edina Hockey Association (EHA). It is updated annually and available to all EHA members.

The Edina Hockey Association (EHA) is not just an organization but a community of dedicated and hard-working players, parents, coaches, and volunteers. Your involvement is appreciated and crucial for our growth. We believe in the power of community, and that's why we always have room for improvement. We always seek more coaches, particularly at the upper levels (Peewee, Bantam, Jr. Gold, 12U, 15U). Together, we can make EHA even better.

We hope you and your family enjoy your hockey experience this season.

Sincerely,

Art Boylan  
2025-2026 President, Edina Hockey Association



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## History

In 1949, there was no hockey rink or organized team in Edina. The first high school hockey team was organized in 1950, and with the help of the hockey players, a rink was built at the high school. The Edina Hockey Program was organized in 1951.

In 1951, a Pee wee team was started, which was the beginning of Edina's Village program. The impact of this program was felt three years later when many of these same players led Edina to its first Lake Conference high school championship. The Edina Hockey Association was started in 1957.

The current Edina program is divided into AA, A, B1, B2, and C levels for Pee wees and Bantams; A, B1, B2, and C levels for Squirts; A, B1, and B2 levels for 10U's and 12U's; and A and B for 15U's. Termites, Mites, and 8U participate in an in-house league. For high school-aged players, 16U, Junior Gold, and 19U levels are available. The EHA operates under the guidelines of USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey. Minnesota Hockey has divided the state into several districts, and Edina is a member of District 6.

Edina's youth hockey program has a rich history and has contributed to many wonderful memories for past players, parents, and coaches. Along the way, Edina youth hockey teams have won three National Championships, more than 50 State championships, and numerous District championships. During the 2020-2021 season, 14 teams competed in state tournaments. State championship banners proudly hang over the ice in Braemar Arena's South rink. Players who have come up through the EHA have led Edina to more Boys' High School State Championships than any other high school in Minnesota. These achievements are a testament to our community's hard work and dedication.

The EHA girls' hockey program started in 1993. Currently, Minnesota has more girls playing than any state in the country, and Edina leads District 6 and Minnesota Hockey in overall participation by girls. During the 2013-2014 season, the EHA Girls' Hockey program received the Female Honors Award from the Minnesota District of USA Hockey. The award acknowledged the EHA as a leader in the growth, development, and promotion of ice hockey for females in the U.S.

The EHA has over 1,200 boys and girls, ages 4 to 18 years, registered for hockey.

## Edina Hockey Association Core Values

1. **Respect:** Treat others better than you expect to be treated.
2. **Sportsmanship:** Foster a sense of fair play, humility in victory, and graciousness in defeat, as well as friendship with teammates and opponents alike for players, coaches, and parents.
3. **Integrity:** Demonstrate honest and fair play beyond simple strict adherence to the rules and regulations of the game.
4. **Excellence:** Pursue the highest level of personal achievement as a player and collective achievement as a team and an organization.
5. **Teamwork:** Hockey is a team sport, so learn the value of working together and ensuring the inclusion of all team members. As in many aspects of life, success on the ice is best achieved by working as a team towards a shared goal.
6. **Loyalty:** Develop loyalty to the sport's ideals and the hockey community's fellow members.
7. **Enjoyment:** Have fun and have satisfying and rewarding experiences that benefit all participants.

## Mission Statement

The Edina Hockey Association provides programs aimed at creating a fun, fair, competitive, and safe hockey environment, which increases participation and provides the opportunity to improve personal skills while developing respect for others, self-confidence, and teamwork in our student-athletes.

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## **By-Laws**

The EHA consists of a Board of Directors that governs the Association and its members (families that register to play hockey with the EHA). Membership is on a per-family basis regardless of the number of players in the family and is automatic at registration. Membership entitles each family to one vote in any EHA elections.

The Board of Directors consists of no less than 20 and no more than 26 voting members. The initial term of office for a director is three years. Still, Directors may continue to serve at the election of the Board Executive Committee for up to two additional 1-year terms. No Director shall serve more than 5 consecutive years. The Executive Committee of the Board includes the President and Vice Presidents of Finance, Operations, Boys and Girls Hockey (these positions may be shared and identified as Co-positions) and are elected from the members of the Board. All other Board members serve on one or more committees. Board terms are staggered.

Board members are required to fill out an application and indicate, among other things, any potential conflicts of interest that may impede their judgment or decision-making while serving on the Board. The Board's policy is that Directors are not allowed to provide input or vote on matters with a conflict of interest.

The EHA hosts an annual meeting in the spring each year, between March 1st and April 30<sup>th</sup>, and will announce the date, time, place, and agenda at least 15 days before the meeting. At the annual meeting, the membership will elect new members to the EHA Board.

The EHA Board strives to meet monthly on the second Monday evening of each month, and attendance is required. Meetings start at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise, and members are welcome to attend. Notice in writing to a Board member and consent by the Board President is required for time on the agenda. The meeting place is either the Edina City Hall Community Room or the EHA Room in the South rink at Braemar, but meeting locations may vary. Sub-committees, task forces of the Board, and the Executive Committee of the Board meet as required to conduct business in a timely manner between Board meetings.

The EHA is a member of District 6 of Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey and acknowledges the preeminence of USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey. The EHA also adheres to District 6, Minnesota Hockey, and USA Hockey rules on rink features, teams, equipment, penalties, officials, and playing rules.

The EHA Registrar, a paid position within the EHA, retains all EHA minutes. It is the EHA policy that these minutes are open for review by EHA members.

## **Policies**

### **Background Checks/Screening**

All EHA Board members and coaches are subject to background checks/screenings as required by Minnesota Hockey Rules.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Any EHA Board member who may have a potential conflict of interest where their actions or relationships present the potential for improper personal gain or advantage or will have an adverse effect on the interests of the EHA shall report such incidents to the EHA President for further review and determination.

### **Commitment Policy**

The EHA recognizes that the success of its program is dependent upon the commitment of all coaches, parents, and players. Additionally, hockey is a sport that 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 perform adequately.

With the aforementioned in mind, the Edina Hockey Association's policy is that any unauthorized missed practices and/or games may result in less game time at the head coach's discretion. Moreover, this player commits to participate in the entire post-season process, including, but not limited to, District and/or State Playoff games.



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**Move-Up Policy.**

The EHA enforces a policy of placing all participating skaters in the level of play associated with their age/birth date. However, a skater may request EHA Board approval to “move up” to a level of play that is a level higher than the level dictated by their date of birth. Permission to move up is granted solely at the discretion of the Board and may be granted only in cases where such movement allows the skater to play with their “peer” grade in an Edina school. This policy affects skaters who are young relative to their grade in school, as follows:

| <b>Player not eligible (per birth date) for:</b> | <b>But Entering:</b>  |
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| Termites   | Kindergarten          |
| Mites  | 1 <sup>st</sup> grade |
| Squirts/U10 Girls                                | 4 <sup>th</sup> grade |
| Peewees/U12 Girls                                | 6 <sup>th</sup> grade |
| Bantams/U14 Girls                                | 8 <sup>th</sup> grade |

Once a skater has been granted permission to move up and has begun the tryout process at the higher level, they must remain at the level chosen for that season. Except in very limited circumstances, the EHA does not allow skaters to play down a level.

**Team Reassignment Policy**

The EHA recognizes that in rare instances, players may leave an EHA team after the EHA tryout process (i.e., the player makes their school team, sustains a season-ending injury, and their family relocates out of the area). On these occasions of a team losing a player (or players), other player(s) may be reassigned from a feeder team to fill the void if the following conditions are met:

- The player is willing to advance to the new level or team.
- The team reassignment paperwork is completed before the District 6 registration deadlines (typically late December each year).
- The team giving up a player does not fall below District 6 guidelines for team player count.
- In multi-player reassignments, players are reassigned from teams so that the teams allowing players to move up are impacted equally.
- Team reassignments may impact multiple teams as a series of players are reassigned to fill openings, with players moving up or horizontally to another team at the same level (i.e., a player may move from an A team up to an AA team and correspondingly, a B1 player may be requested to move up to fill the A opening).

The process for requesting a player team reassignment is as follows and in the following sequences:

1. The coach losing a player(s) notifies their EHA Lead Liaison of their desire to fill their team's newly vacated position(s).
2. The EHA Lead Liaison will then establish a meeting with the feeder team's coaches to discuss the player(s) to be moved from the feeder team(s).
3. The EHA Lead Liaison will share the situation and proposed reassignments with the EHA Executive Committee for approval.
4. The EHA Liaison will communicate the "requests for reassignment" with the player's parents/guardians.
  - If the player(s) accept the adjustments, move to step 5.
  - If a player/family rejects the adjustment, step 1 is repeated.
5. The EHA Liaison notifies the Registrar of changes, and the Registrar prepares Supplement Rosters as needed.

**REFUND POLICY** – All refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Registrar.

- Except for Pandemic refunds (see below), All refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Registrar.
- No refunds will be given except under special circumstances. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors will determine the refund amount. Examples in the past have included:
  - Players that make a High School Varsity/JV team after EHA teams have been rostered.
  - Special circumstances involving season-ending injury factoring in the date of injury and costs incurred by the Association on behalf of the player.
- **Pandemic Refund Policy**
  - There may be occasions where EHA is required by Minnesota Hockey, District 6, or government authorities to cancel or suspend the season due to a pandemic, emergency, or other unforeseen event.
  - If the season is canceled prior to teams being rostered, you will receive a refund of your registration fees, except for your fundraising fee, any late fees, and a small portion of your regular registration fee (estimated to be 5%) determined by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
  - If the season is canceled or temporarily suspended after it has started, EHA will calculate a refund based on costs incurred by the association. Any refunds will be distributed within 60 days of the official end of the season.

### **Financial Assistance/Scholarship Policy**

- All families requesting financial assistance or scholarship consideration must complete the Financial Aid application on the EHA website by the designated due date during the annual registration period. Incomplete applications will be returned.
- Applicants may apply for full assistance, partial assistance, or a payment plan.
- As part of the EHA's annual budget, the Association will determine a dollar amount to be set aside for financial assistance. The total amount of the assistance awarded cannot exceed the amount budgeted.
- Financial assistance is designed to help families get through periods of financial stress. This program is not designated as an annual subsidy and is limited to three years per player.
- The assistance/scholarships provided only cover the base registration fees. The maximum assistance provided will be 100% of the base registration fees in year 1, 60% in year 2, and 30% in year 3. The policy does not cover any team assessments.
- If approved by the EHA's Financial Assistance/Scholarship Approval Committee, which consists of the EHA's Scholarship Committee, Presidents/Co-Presidents, and Lead(s) of the Finance Committee, an exception could be granted for unforeseen financial hardship on the applicant's family. The scholarship amount cannot exceed the skater's total registration cost.
- Preference will be given to those applicants whose families qualify for public assistance programs such as school lunch subsidies, medical assistance, and unemployment insurance.
- Families who do not fulfill their financial assistance obligation (as specified and documented by the EHA) will not be eligible for aid in subsequent years.
- Financial assistance is provided at the sole discretion of the EHA's Executive Board. All information is kept confidential.

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## **MN Hockey/D6 Waiver Policy**

Edina Hockey must follow the MN Hockey and D6 Waiver Policy.

Minnesota Hockey updated the waiver rules in January 2024. Beginning with the 2024-2025 season, open enrollment waivers will be available only to first-year Squirt and 10U players, as well as players at the Jr Gold and 19U levels.

*\*Players who with a valid school open enrollment waiver received prior to the 2024-2025 season will be 'grandfathered' in and are eligible to continue playing with their association of school enrollment as long as they remain continuously enrolled in that school.*

All other players open enrolled will need to request a discretionary waiver each year.

### **Discretionary Waivers**

No association may release a player without approval of the receiving association and District 6. Waivers may be provided based on school and team numbers

School based waivers may be requested for the following:

- 1st year of hockey registration that falls outside of the mandatory eligibility outlined above.
- Sibling waivers for players waived prior to 2024-25 season who are open enrolled in the association boundaries. Both siblings must maintain continuously enrolled.
- Change of schools based on a home relocation may be considered based on residency rules and requirements.

**\*\*Parents must secure a printout from the Edina school your player is attending, validating they are registered for classes for the school year. This document will need to be attached to any waiver request.**

Once tryouts begin, the EHA will not waive out any players to another Association.

### **Parent / Spectator Behavior - Zero Tolerance Policy**

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, USA Hockey has instituted a zero-tolerance program for parental and fan behavior that has been adopted by District 6. At their discretion, referees may have parents/spectators removed from the arena. The EHA supports this program and requests that all parents support the team, the players, and the officials.

Players and officials all strive to perform at the highest possible level and deserve our support.

On-ice officials will stop the game when the parents/spectators display inappropriate and disruptive behavior that interferes with other spectators or the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced, and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the EHA. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting players, coaches, officials, or other spectators by baiting, ridiculing, or threat of physical violence or act.
- Throwing of any object in the spectator's viewing area, player's bench, penalty box, or on the ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.
- Use of social media to make disrespectful comments towards others.

This guidebook has a separate section on Codes of Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities for players, parents, and coaches.

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## **Grievance Policy**

The EHA provides an orderly procedure for discussing and resolving all problems, concerns, and formal grievances. The objective is to resolve issues at the most immediate level. The key criteria for any resolution of an issue are what is best for the respective player and his or her team and what is in the best interest of EHA.

1. Problems or concerns related to the team's coaching, such as playing time, positions, practices, etc., should be addressed by the coach or team manager of the respective team.
2. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, the Board lead liaison should be contacted.
3. Problems or concerns related to any other team issue that cannot be resolved by the liaisons or is broader should be directed to the EHA president overseeing that team level (see EHA Board Responsibilities).
4. Specific violations of the EHA Code of Conduct expectations will be managed as outlined in the next section.

***It is suggested that a one-day cooling-off period be observed before any grievance is presented to a coach, team manager, or Board Liaison.***



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## **Policy Statement Regarding the Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs in Sports**

The EHA Policy is consistent with the MSHSL's policy and is as follows:

The use of mood-altering chemicals, i.e., alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and marijuana, is expressly prohibited. During the playing season, regardless of quantity, a player shall not: (1) use a beverage containing alcohol; (2) use tobacco or nicotine (including chewing tobacco, vaping, etc.) or (3) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away any other controlled substance defined by law as a drug. This rule applies to the entire season. It is not a violation for a player to be in possession of a controlled substance specifically prescribed for the player's own use by his/her physician.

### **Penalties:**

#### **1. First Violation –**

Penalty: after confirmation of the first violation, the player shall lose eligibility for the next two (2) consecutive games or two (2) weeks of a season, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a player who becomes a participant in a treatment program.

#### **2. Second Violation -**

Penalty: after confirmation of the second violation, the player shall lose eligibility for the next six (6) consecutive games. No exception is permitted for a player who becomes a participant in a treatment program.

#### **3. Third Violation - Penalty:**

- a. After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the player shall lose eligibility for the next twelve (12) consecutive games.
- b. If, after the third or subsequent violations, the player, on his/her own violation, becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in activities after a minimum period of six (6) weeks. The director or counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center must issue such certification.

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**Interpretation**

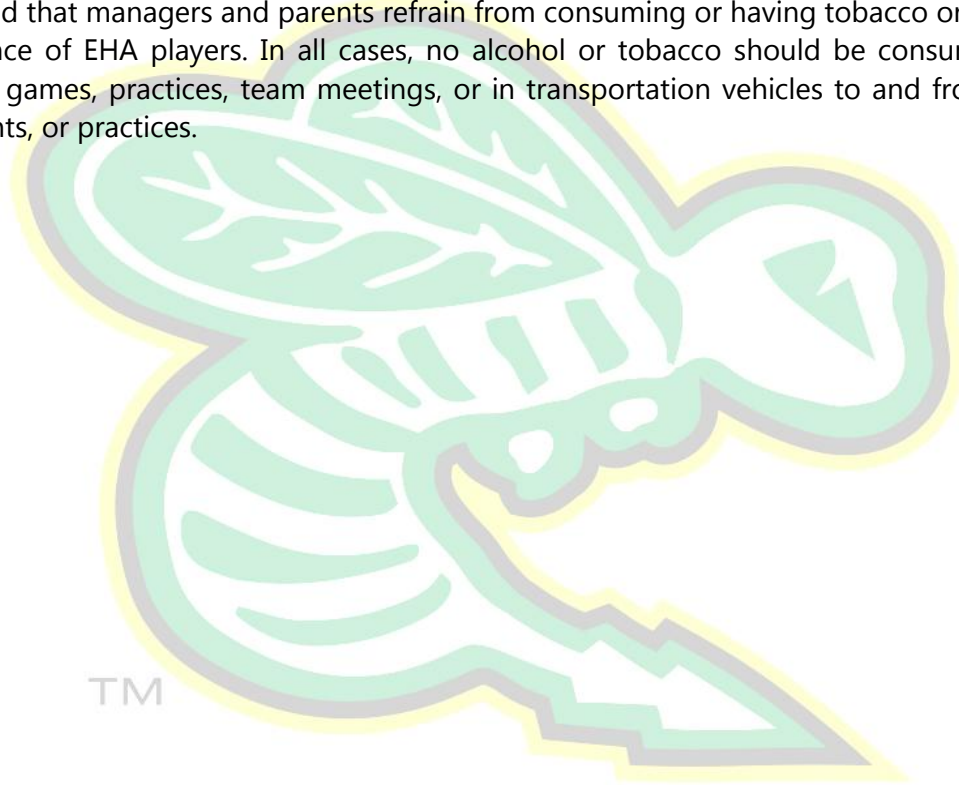
“Game” in this rule means a regular league or playoff contest. Practice games or scrimmages cannot be counted in determining the length of the suspension. Associations or individual teams may adopt a more prohibitive rule and/or more severe penalties for violating this Rule.

**Denial Disqualification**

Players should be disqualified from all EHA activity for nine (9) additional weeks beyond the player's original period of ineligibility when the player denies violation of the rule, is allowed to participate, and is then subsequently found guilty of the violation.

**Parental Responsibility**

In accordance with our policies regarding alcohol and tobacco use by EHA players, we strongly recommend that managers and parents refrain from consuming or having tobacco or alcohol in the presence of EHA players. In all cases, no alcohol or tobacco should be consumed or be present at games, practices, team meetings, or in transportation vehicles to and from games, tournaments, or practices.



**Physical Abuse Policy — As Adopted by USA Hockey**

The EHA policy is that no participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs shall be physically abused. Physical abuse means physical contact with a participant that intentionally causes the participant to sustain bodily harm or personal injury. It also includes physical contact with a participant that intentionally creates a threat of immediate bodily harm or personal injury.

Physical abuse does not include physical contact that is reasonably designed to coach, teach, or demonstrate a hockey skill. Permitted physical conduct may include, but is not necessarily limited to, shooting pucks at a goaltender, demonstrating checking and other hockey skills, and communicating with or directing participants during the course of a game or practice by touching them in a non-threatening, non-sexual manner.

**Sexual Abuse Policy - As Adopted by USA Hockey**

It is the policy of the EHA that there shall be no sexual abuse of any minor participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs. Sexual abuse of a minor participant occurs when a volunteer touches a minor participant for the purpose of causing the sexual arousal or gratification of either the minor participant or the volunteer. Sexual abuse of a minor participant also occurs when a minor player touches a volunteer for the sexual arousal or sexual gratification of either the minor participant or the volunteer if the touching occurs at the request or with the consent of the volunteer.

**Neither consent of the player to the sexual contact, mistake as to the participant's age, nor the fact that the sexual contact did not take place at a hockey function are defenses to a complaint of sexual abuse.**

Upon proof of violation of this policy, the violator will be permanently banned or suspended from USA Hockey-sanctioned programs and/or programs of its Affiliate Associations.

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### **SAFESPORT Policies – As Adopted by USA Hockey**

The EHA is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for its participant's physical, emotional, and social development and to ensuring that it promotes an environment free from abuse and misconduct. As part of this commitment, the EHA will follow the recommendations and guidelines defined in the USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook. A copy of this handbook and the contact information for EHA's SafeSport coordinator can be found on EHA's home web page at <http://edinahockeyassociation.com/>. Any questions or concerns should be directed to EHA's SafeSport coordinator.

EHA SafeSport Policies are designed to address the following types of abuse and misconduct:

- Sexual Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Bullying, Threats, and Harassment
- Hazing

Refer to the USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook for complete definitions of these abuses and misconducts.

To reduce the risks of potential abuse and misconduct, EHA has implemented the following policies:

- Locker Room Policy
- Social Media, Mobile, and Electronic Communications Policy
- Travel Policy

If an EHA member observes any of the above-described abuses or misconduct, it is the member's personal responsibility to report their observations to the EHA's SafeSport coordinator immediately. In addition, the member must also consider reporting suspected child physical or sexual abuse to appropriate law enforcement authorities. EHA has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for abuse and misconduct.

## **EHA's Locker Room Policy**

Youth players are particularly vulnerable in locker rooms, changing areas, and restrooms due to various stages of dress/undress and because they are less supervised than at many other times. Athlete-to-athlete problems, such as sexual abuse and bullying, harassment, and hazing, often occur when coaches and/or volunteers are not in a position to observe – this is especially true in locker rooms. Adherence to EHA's locker room policy enhances privacy and reduces the likelihood of misconduct. Proper supervision of the locker room areas also helps ensure that players who may have suffered an injury during a game or practice have an adult present to confer with regarding such injury.

It is the policy of the EHA that teams have at least one responsible adult present and directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to ensure that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel, and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room. These individuals will be called "Locker Room Monitors."

### **Locker Room Monitors**

- Are the responsible adults who monitor and supervise the locker room?
- Shall have been screened in compliance with Section III of the USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook.
- Must monitor the locker room environment at all times while participants are present and ensure the locker room is appropriately secured when minor participants are on the ice.
- Shall be of the same gender as the team they are monitoring. If a team is co-ed, team monitoring of both genders will be required.
- A responsible adult must be present during any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room.
- EHA teams may prohibit parents from the locker room. However, in doing so, the team shall ensure that properly screened individuals monitor and supervise the locker room as required above.
- With younger Mite/8U/6U-aged players, it is appropriate to allow parents to assist the player with getting equipment on and off before and after games or practices, and they should be allowed to do so.
- With older Squirt/10U aged players and older players, it is recommended that teams implement locker room monitors.
- EHA prohibits cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recorders, still cameras, and video cameras, from being used in locker rooms without specific approval from the team's locker room monitor and/or coach. Approval will only be granted when all persons in the locker room are appropriately dressed and advised that photographs or recordings are being taken.

**Co-Ed Locker Rooms:**

- As a team sport in which youth teams can often include both male and female players, special circumstances may exist that can increase the chance of abuse or misconduct. If a team consists of male and female players, both female and male privacy rights must be considered, and appropriate arrangements must be made.
- It is not acceptable for players, coaches, locker room monitors, or any other EHA member to be observing the opposite gender while they dress or undress.
- Where possible, the male and female players should undress/dress in separate locker rooms and then convene in a single dressing room prior to the game or team meeting.
- Once the game is finished, the players may come to one locker room to discuss the game, but no player may begin undressing until the opposite gender has proceeded to their separate dressing room.
- Coaches are prohibited from discussing hockey in the locker room unless both genders are present.
- If separate locker rooms are unavailable, the genders may take turns using the same locker room. One gender must wait to use the locker room until all opposite-gender players have finished and left it.
- When male and female players are together in the locker room, at least two adults should be present who have been screened in compliance with Section III of the USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook.



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## **Social Media, Mobile, and Electronic Communications Policy**

EHA prohibits cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras, and video cameras, in locker rooms without specific approval from the team's locker room monitor and/or coach. Approval will only be granted when all persons in the locker room are appropriately dressed and advised that photographs or recordings are being taken.

### **Social Media**

Users will not use electronic technologies to knowingly or recklessly post, transmit, or distribute false or defamatory information about a person or organization, harass another person, or engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.

Users will not use electronic technologies to create, access, review, upload, download, complete, store, print, post, receive, link, transmit, or distribute: 1. Pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material or other visual depictions; 2. Obscene, abusive, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, disrespectful or sexually explicit language; 3. Materials that use language or images that are inappropriate in the education setting or disruptive to the educational process; 4. Materials that use language or images that advocate violence or discrimination toward other people or that may constitute harassment, discrimination, or threaten the safety of others;

Coaches are prohibited from having players join or connect through their personal Facebook page or any other similar social media application. To facilitate communication, an official organization or team page may be set up, and players and parents may join (i.e., "friend") the official organization or team page, and coaches can communicate with players through that site. All electronic communication of any kind between coach and player, including the use of social media, must be non-personal in nature and be for the purpose of communicating information about team activities or for team-oriented motivational purposes.

### **Email, Text Messaging, and Similar Electronic Communications**

Coaches, team managers, and players may use email and text messaging. All email and text message content between coaches/team managers and players must be non-personal in nature and be for the purpose of communicating information about team activities. Emails and text messages from a coach to any minor participant **must** include a copy to the player's parents. Where possible, a coach should be provided and use the organization website email center (the coach's return email address will contain "@organization.com") for all communications with the team, players, and player's parents, where applicable.

## **Travel Policy**

- EHA employees, coaches, and/or volunteers who are not also acting as parents should not drive alone with an unrelated minor and should only drive with at least two other players or another adult at all times unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minor's parent.
- Employees, coaches, and volunteers who are players' parents or guardians may provide shared transportation for any player(s) if they pick up their player first and drop off their player last.
- It is recognized that in some limited instances, it will be unavoidable for an employee, coach, or volunteer to drive alone with an unrelated minor player. However, efforts should be made to minimize these occurrences and to mitigate any circumstances that could lead to allegations of abuse or misconduct.

## **Organization/Team Travel**

- Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a minor player (unless the coach is the player's parent, guardian, or sibling).
- No EHA employee, coach, or volunteer will engage in team travel without the proper safety requirements in place and on record, including valid driver's licenses, automobile liability insurance as required by applicable state law, vehicle in safe working order, and compliance with all state laws. All chaperones shall have been screened in compliance with the USA Hockey Screening Policy, and all team drivers shall have been screened, and the screen shall include a check of appropriate Department of Motor Vehicle records.
- EHA teams shall provide adequate supervision through coaches and other adult chaperones (for example, a recommended number would include at least one coach or adult chaperone for every five to eight players). If a team is composed of both male and female players, then it is recommended that chaperones be arranged of the same gender.
- Players should share rooms with other players of the same gender, with the appropriate number of players assigned per room depending on accommodations.
- Regular monitoring and curfew checks should be made in each room by at least two properly screened adults. All coaches, staff, volunteers, and chaperones traveling with a team shall be familiar with the USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook to monitor compliance with all SafeSport Policies.
- The team personnel shall ask hotels to block adult pay-per-view channels.
- Individual meetings between a player and coach may not occur in hotel sleeping rooms.
- All players shall be permitted to make regular check-in phone calls to parents. Team personnel shall allow for any unscheduled check-in phone calls initiated by either the player or parents.
- Family members who wish to stay in the team hotel shall be permitted and encouraged to do so.
- The team shall make every effort to accommodate reasonable parental requests when a child is away from home without a parent.
- Specific travel itineraries will be distributed to parents when they are available and will include a detailed itinerary and contact information for all team personnel and chaperones.
- If disciplinary action against a player is required while traveling without his/her parents, parents will be notified before any action is taken.

- In all cases involving travel, parents have the right to transport their minor player and have the minor player stay in their hotel room.
- No chaperone shall at any time be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while performing their chaperoning duties.
- No coaches shall consume alcohol or drugs before games or practices.



**Whistleblower Policy – As Adopted by Minnesota Hockey**

WHISTLEBLOWERS POLICY (Approved September 2011) Minnesota Hockey has a whistleblower policy in compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. If any associate, officer, or director of Minnesota Hockey (MH) reasonably believes that some policy, practice, or activity of MH is in violation of law, a written complaint may be filed by that associate, officer, or director with the President of MH. It is the intent of MH to adhere to all laws and regulations that apply to the organization, and the underlying purpose of this Policy is to support the organization's goal of legal compliance. The support of all associates, officers, or directors is necessary to achieve compliance with various laws and regulations. An associate, officer, or director is protected from retaliation only if the associate, officer, or director brings the alleged unlawful activity, policy, or practice to the attention of MH and provides MH with a reasonable opportunity to investigate and correct the alleged unlawful activity. The protection described below is only available to employees that comply with this requirement. MH will not retaliate against an associate, officer, or director who, in good faith, has made a protest or raised a complaint against some practice of MH or of another individual or entity with whom MH had a business relationship on the basis of a reasonable belief that the practice is in violation of law or a clear mandate of public policy. MH will not retaliate against an employee who discloses or threatens to disclose to a supervisor or a public body any activity, policy, or practice of MH that the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law, a rule, or regulation mandated pursuant to law or is in violation of a clear mandate or public policy concerning health, safety, welfare, or protection of the environment. All Board Members are required to sign off on the fact that they received a copy of this policy and understand it. Further, Board members shall be provided with an opportunity to ask questions about the Policy.



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## Codes of Conduct, Rights & Responsibilities

### Behavior Expectations

Coaches and parents should set a positive example of sportsmanship and good conduct and, in general, be a credit to the EHA and our community.

The head coach is the person recognized as having responsibility for the team. The coach is not required to bend to parental pressure but shall be available to discuss any situation with the players and/or parents, keeping in mind their responsibility is to coach the whole team and not any one individual. A coach shall have the flexibility to reduce a player's ice time to solve a disciplinary problem if it is in the team's best interest.

In order to have a uniform expectation of all participants in EHA, each player, parent, and coach will be required to sign a specific **Code of Conduct** document at the time of registration for each season. The EHA's Registrar submits all documents with team registrations with Minnesota Hockey. The Code of Conduct forms are printed on the pages that follow in this Guidebook.

### Additional Rules

EHA, District 6, and Minnesota Hockey may determine it is necessary to adopt additional rules regarding the play of hockey during the season. Rinks also may have their own rules governing play at their respective rinks. EHA will notify members of changes in EHA rules by email, publication on the EHA website, or otherwise at or prior to the time the rule becomes effective. Members are expected to know and at all times follow the current EHA, District 6, Minnesota Hockey, and applicable rink rules.

### Player Guidelines

- Play for FUN.
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Respect your coach, teammates, parents, opponents, and officials.
- Never argue with an official or a coach's decision.

Following these guidelines, all players are required to sign the Player Code of Conduct at the time of registration for each new season in which the player is part of the EHA.

### Player Code of Conduct Form

Note: Players read at the time of online registration, check the box that they've read, and agree to comply.

I understand that it is a privilege to play hockey in the Edina Hockey Association and as a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ team for the \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_(year) season, I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the following Code of Conduct:

- I will not swear or use abusive language on the bench, in the locker room, in the arena, and/or at any team function.
- I will not throw equipment.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers, and referees at every game.
- I will treat teammates, coaches, opponents, facilities, fans, and referees with respect.
- I will not use social media to make inappropriate or disrespectful comments or convey disregard towards others
- I will not drink alcohol, smoke, chew tobacco, vape, or use any other illegal substance at the rink or any team function.
- I will respect and adhere to all rules and the Code of Conduct of the EHA, District 6, Minnesota Hockey, and USA Hockey.
- I will follow Minnesota Hockey, EHA, and rink COVID guidelines and requirements as they become available.
- I will express any concern through proper channels in a respectful manner.
- I understand that any player who cannot abide by or violates these rules will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the EHA handbook.

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**Player Code of Conduct Consequences**

Failure to comply with the player code of conduct is detrimental to the team and will not be tolerated.

Parents are encouraged to work with the coach and/or team manager first concerning a violation(s) by a player. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, the Lead Board Liaison should be contacted.

If needed, after discussion with their coach and/or team manager, a parent may request a meeting with the EHA Executive Committee to bring forth a violation of the player code of conduct. The coach will be notified if a meeting is to take place.

After this meeting, the EHA Executive Committee may determine whether the situation should be handled by the player’s coach or if the EHA may set forth a penalty ranging from a one-game suspension to player removal from the team. Continual abuse of conduct may result in permanent removal from the Edina Hockey Association.

*Please refer to specific penalties for the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs in this Guidebook.*

Signed by Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parent Responsibilities and Rights

### Responsibilities

- Do not force your children to participate in sports but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, making it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. Your child will benefit by showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know and study the game's rules and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud makes a good effort in both victory and defeat and enforces the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice – it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey – and volunteer.
- Don't compare your child with other players. Be honest with yourself when it comes to your child's capabilities.
- Take care of your financial responsibilities.
- Volunteer.

### Rights

- Have the player treated fairly and with respect.
- Have the player playing and practicing in a safe and healthy environment.
- Have the player coached by an effective and qualified adult leader.
- Have the player engaged in playing and practicing activities that increase his/her skill and enjoyment of the sport.
- Know what is expected of your player from the coach.

## Parent Code of Conduct Form

Note: Parents read at the time of registration, check the box that they've read, and agree to comply.

As a parent of an Edina youth hockey player (insert name):

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I understand that:

- It is a privilege, not a right, for my child to play youth hockey.
- Sportsmanship and fair play are essential to hockey and important skills that our children learn from youth hockey.
- Our children learn from our example, and we as parents need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, team managers, referees, and parents.

Therefore, I agree to the following Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct:

- I will never use abusive behavior towards anyone involved in youth hockey.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers, and referees at every game. This commitment to good sportsmanship includes using social media before, during, and after the game. If filming/streaming a game, any commentary shall align with the EHA's Core Values and the Parent Code of Conduct, Responsibilities, and Rights.
- I will not create a public display of anger toward coaches, players, and/or spectators in any arena or via e-mail, letter, and/or phone calls to the team.
- I will not use social media to make inappropriate or disrespectful comments or convey disregard towards others
- I agree to the 24-hour rule, which states, "No parent in a fit of frustration or anger over their player's playing time, position or coaching will contact the coach in any manner until 24 hours have passed."
- I will respect and adhere to all rules and the Code of Conduct of the EHA, District 6, Minnesota Hockey, and USA Hockey.
- I will follow Minnesota Hockey, EHA, and rink COVID guidelines and requirements as they become available.
- I will express any concern through proper channels in a respectful manner.
- I understand that any parent who cannot abide by or violates these rules will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the EHA handbook.

### **Parent Code of Conduct Consequences**

Violating the Parent Code of Conduct is detrimental to the team and may be brought forward to the EHA Board by either the team's coach, manager, or a parent on the same team. A meeting with the Executive committee of the EHA will occur as soon as possible.

The EHA may set forth a penalty ranging from a verbal warning to suspending a parent from all team functions for one week to the duration of the season. Continual abuse of conduct may result in permanent removal from the Edina Hockey Association.

During the sanction, the parent will not be allowed in any facility during a youth hockey event, regardless of whether that parent has another child on a different team.

Signed / Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian #1)

Signed / Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian #2)



## Coach's Code of Conduct, Responsibilities and Rights

### Responsibilities

The Coaches' code of conduct shall be consistent with the EHA's mission statement (see below). The personal growth and development of the hockey player should be the focus. Improving one's skills and having competitive teams should also be the goal.

***The mission of the Edina Hockey Association is to design programs aimed at creating a fun, fair, and safe hockey environment, which increases participation and improves skills while developing respect for others, self-confidence, and teamwork in our student-athletes.***

EHA coaches' **responsibilities** include:

- Be a role model to players, coaches and officials.
- Be prepared and present at all practices and games. Make arrangements for assistant coaches to run practices when it is not possible to attend.
- Create a positive atmosphere, treat players fairly, and strive to provide each player with positive and constructive feedback.
- Teach the rules of hockey to make it a safe game for all players on the ice.
- Teach "each player to compete to win" instead of trying to "coach a win at the expense of a few players." The goal of a coach is to develop all your players without focusing on wins and losses.
- Play all players in every game and approximately the same amount of time during games and scrimmages over the course of the year. I understand that my goal should be to help my weakest player(s) have every opportunity to not be the weakest player(s) by the end of the season. Coaches shall have the flexibility to reduce a player's ice time if the player is not meeting the work ethic required during practices or to solve a disciplinary problem if it is in the team's best interest, but only after discussing the issue(s) with the player. The following are level-specific expectations:
  - U6/U8/Mites/10U/Squirts - all players will play evenly throughout every game in both even strength and special team situations. Summary expectation: **Roll your lines.**
  - 12UB/15UB/PeeWeeB2&C/BantamB2&C/Junior Gold 16 - all players will play evenly throughout every game in both even strength and special team situations during the regular season. Coaches will have the latitude to deviate from equal play guidelines in the last five minutes of the third period during season-ending playoffs.
  - All AA/A & B1 levels 12U/15U/19U/PeeWee/Bantam/Junior Gold: all players will play an equivalent amount over the entire season. Each player will be exposed to even strength and all special team situations throughout the season. Coaches will have the latitude to deviate from equal play guidelines in the last five minutes of the third period during the

regular season and season-ending playoffs to give the team the best opportunity to win. However, every player will play a substantial portion of every period of every game.

- Goalies - EHA goalies will play approximately the same amount of game/scrimmage time over the course of the year.
- Engage the EHA Board Level Liaison in any persistent player behavioral problems and progressive disciplinary action before implementing any behavioral contract.

### **Rights**

- Be treated with respect by players, parents, and the EHA.
- Access to necessary safety and practice equipment.
- Access to all resource material is available through the EHA and the Bob O'Connor Library, which are located in the EHA room at Braemar Arena.

The coaches are accountable to the Boys and/or Girls Hockey Committees and the EHA Board. All EHA coaches are required to sign the following Code of Conduct, Responsibilities, and Rights at the beginning of each season.

### **Coach's Code of Conduct**

The Edina Hockey Association takes pride in our coaches. As the highest representative of the EHA at any game and/or team function, it is important that our coaches set an example for the team and the community.

Therefore:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers, and referees at any youth hockey event.
- I will treat players, fellow coaches, opponents, facilities, fans, and referees with respect.
- I will refrain from the use of any inappropriate language within the presence of players.
- I will not consume alcohol or drugs before games or practices.
- I will not use tobacco around players before, during, or after games.
- I will wear a helmet for all on-ice practices per MN Hockey rules and understand that I am personally responsible for any fines incurred for not wearing a helmet.
- I will respect and adhere to all rules and Code of Conduct, Responsibilities, and Rights of the EHA, District 6, Minnesota Hockey, and USA Hockey.
- I will follow Minnesota Hockey, EHA, and rink COVID guidelines and requirements as they become available.
- I understand that if I cannot abide by these rules or violate them, I will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the EHA Guidebook.

**Coach’s Code of Conduct, Responsibilities, and Rights Consequences**

Complaints of violation of the Coaches Code of Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities may be brought to the Lead Board Liaison of the EHA to be dealt with on an individual basis as determined by the EHA Code of Conduct Committee (Head of Boys Hockey, Head of Girls Hockey and the President).

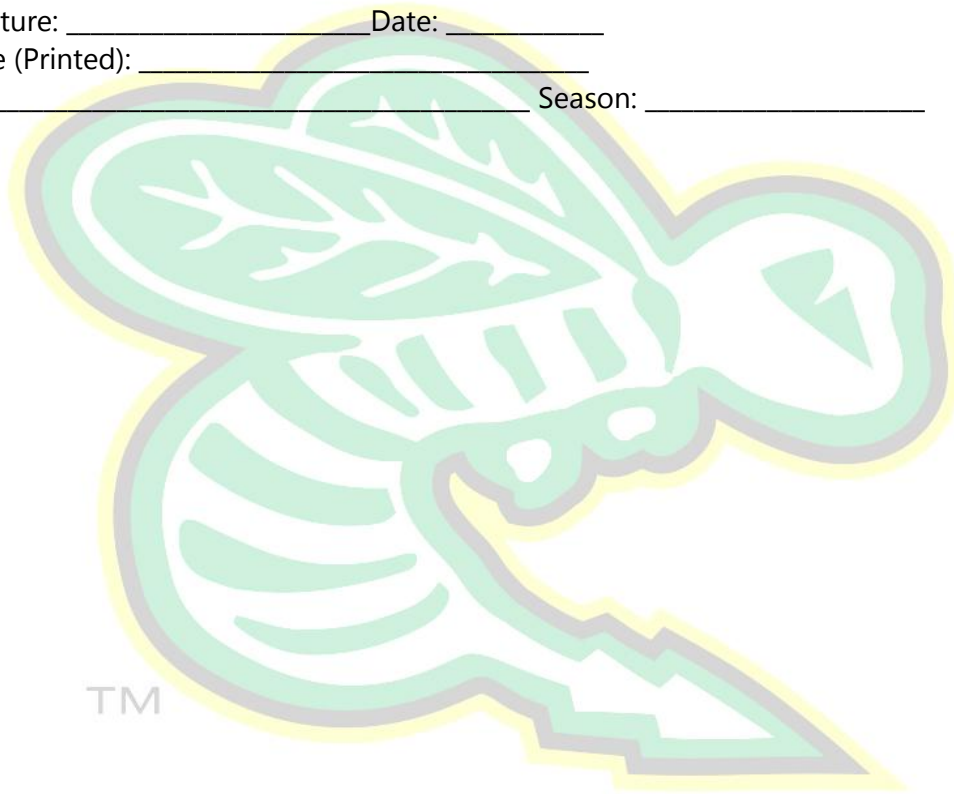
I understand that if I cannot abide by or violate these rules, I will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

EHA has a zero-tolerance policy on drug and alcohol use while working with players. If a coach has consumed alcohol or drugs before a game or practice, EHA has the right to terminate the coach. If a coach has been arrested for a drug or alcohol-related offense, EHA has the right to terminate the coach.

Coaches Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coaches Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Season: \_\_\_\_\_



## Registration

The EHA opens its annual registration in August. At this time, players pay an EHA registration fee. These registration fees cover ice time for grading, tryouts, clinics, and league games and a limited amount of dryland and ice time for team practices. Other expenses included in the registration fees are team jerseys, tournament fees, coach's certification, EHA financial aid, website maintenance, insurance, printing, advertising, referees, trainers, trophies, Edina Park and Recreation fees, and coach appreciation events. The EHA may assess each team a separate fee(s) in December or January for additional items, such as additional practice ice.

The EHA aims to provide the best program at the most reasonable cost to its participants. The EHA is a non-profit organization, and all monies received come from the members and donors through registration, team fees, sponsorships, tournaments, and fundraisers.

*NOTE: Players who have outstanding balances with the EHA for a previous season's expenses will not be allowed to register until the outstanding balances are paid in full to the EHA Treasurer.*

## Fees and Guidelines for Team Treasuries

Team treasuries differ from team to team. Team treasuries pay for such items as extra ice time purchased after the team was formed, referees for additional scrimmage games, practice jerseys, pucks, travel expenses and meals for non-parent coaches, and possibly tournament entrance fees. If other expenses are considered, **all the parents must first approve them**. Such additional expenses include scrapbooks, publicity pictures in the local newspapers, bus expenses for out-of-town tournaments, ice purchased by parents for teams before team formation, year-end team party, hospitality room for out-of-town tournaments, photography, and coach and manager gifts.

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## Boys and Girls Hockey Committees

### Board Liaisons

Board Liaisons are responsible for administrating all activities within a defined age bracket. A Board Liaison for a particular level (Mite, Squirt, Peewee, etc.) should not have a child skating at that level. Typically, the Board will have multiple Liaisons at each level, with one "Lead" Liaison.

Responsibilities of the Liaisons include:

- Interviewing and selecting coaches.
- Coordinating tryouts with the coaches, including tryout communications and procedures.
- Observing tryouts and being available to answer questions from parents and coaches.
- Coordinating and facilitating the player drafts for team selection, ensuring all relevant issues and questions are dealt with during this time.
- During the season, Liaisons are expected to answer and resolve issues that arise (including any questions on rules governing play).

Please become familiar with who the Liaisons are at the level(s) that your player(s) are involved. The Lead Liaison is the first point of contact for any issue or questions you may have about program administration. A listing of Liaisons for each level, including their phone numbers and email addresses, can be found on the EHA website.

### Commissioners

If needed, the EHA Liaisons may recruit parents to act as Commissioners for a particular level of the EHA (Mites through Junior Gold/19U). Typically, these individuals have children/players in that age group and would have attended tryouts anyway. The commissioners' responsibility is to provide organizational assistance to the Liaisons for tryout check-in, tryout operations, and logistics.

Commissioners will not participate in any player placement and evaluation-related discussions with players, Liaisons, coaches, or evaluators during this tryout process – other than what is required to provide organizational assistance, as explained above.

### **Coach Selection**

The Boys and Girls Hockey Committees select all non-Mite coaches. This Board committee actively solicits applications in the spring and summer of each year for any open positions. The Hockey Committees want to identify in the spring/summer as many AA, A, B, and C coaches as possible prior to the start of the season in the fall.

The EHA believes that non-parent coaches and assistant coaches for AA, A, and B-level teams are preferred. This preference will be considered, along with other criteria, including alignment with the EHA vision, mission statement, and core values, to determine the best coaching candidates at each level. If the EHA has chosen to use a parent coach, the parent coach will be able to evaluate the players during the process but will not be part of the selection process until his or her child has been placed on a team, with the input of the EHA Liaisons.

Coaches are selected based on several criteria. The Boys and Girls Hockey Committees look for coaches whose skills, background, and experience are age-appropriate. The Committees recognize that some coaches are better suited to working with younger players, and their goal is to place each coach at the most appropriate level. In selecting a coach, the Committees will also look at past hockey coaching experience, personal philosophy, communication style, and support of EHA principles and core values.

Coaches selected by the Committees will reflect the EHA's vision and mission statement, demonstrate good character, and support the EHA as well as District 6 and USA Hockey/Minnesota Hockey rules and regulations.

Although coaches are selected for a one-year commitment, having continuity from season to season is a significant strength of the EHA's overall program. Year-end surveys, responsible feedback to the Boys and Girls Hockey Committees, and personal observation will be among the factors used by the Vice Presidents of Boys and Girls Hockey and the EHA President to determine whether to bring back the same coach for the next year...

USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey require all head coaches and assistants to be certified through their Coaching Education Program (CEP).

### **Assistant Coach Sélection**

Two assistant coaches and a goalie assistant are recommended per team. All rostered assistant coaches must be approved by the EHA Boys or Girls Committees before their position is assigned. The EHA will provide financial support for certification for a maximum of four coaches per team.

### **Tryouts and Team Selection**

The EHA conducts tryouts, and the objective of the process is to ensure that each player is given a fair evaluation and that all players are placed at the most appropriate level for their abilities. The tryouts consist of several separate sessions, usually over the course of one to two weeks.

Liaisons from the EHA Board of Directors are appointed for each level. Liaisons are responsible for the organization and execution of the respective tryouts. The liaisons will work with the coaches and graders (depending on the level) during the tryout process. There shall be no graders who have children or relatives under evaluation at the level(s) they are grading. The grader's and/or coach's responsibility is to rate the skill levels of all players trying out on specific drills predetermined by the A coach at that level.

\*\* EHA policy states that a player may only try out for a single level during any season. Once tryouts have begun and players have participated, moving to another level is not permitted."

Once grading has been completed, players are divided into separate tryout groups. Players not participating in the grading process will be automatically placed into the final "C" pool.

These tryout group sessions are led by the EHA coaches or preselected evaluators and assisted by the liaisons. After grading is complete, the tryout session will consist of a combination of drills and scrimmages, depending on the level and preferences of the coaches. Tryout drills are designed to test both individual skills and team play. Desire, hard work, and self-control also determine evaluation and selection factors. An objective of the scrimmage is to have the players skate on various player combinations of lines and positions throughout the tryout process and to evaluate each player's abilities in game-like situations.



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Coaches will be evaluating the following:

- The player's skating skills
- The player's individual hockey skills (puck handling, passing, receiving, shooting, body positioning)
- The player's team skills, both offensive and defensive
- The player's position play, teamwork, game skills, and awareness.

After the tryout sessions, the head coaches, starting at the highest level (AA or A), select their teams based on the tryout ratings and their judgment, with the oversight of the Board liaisons. Other teams (B1, B2, and C levels) are selected based on the judgment of the head coaches of the respective teams in a player draft. Rosters are open at the start of each team/player draft and filled based on performance in tryouts.

In determining the final team rosters, coaches are given the following guidelines:

- Coaches can select a team compatible with the EHA mission statement.
- All things being equal, a second-year player should be given preference over a first-year player. Selection to a team as a first-year player will not entitle the player to a roster spot on a team at the same level in the player's second year. However, only in rare situations will a second-year player is not placed on a team at the same level or higher level as the player's first year at that level.
- Any player unable to participate in tryouts due to injury or illness will be evaluated based on their prior year's performance and coaches' recommendations to determine team placement.
- When parent coaches are involved in player drafts, their son/daughter will be placed on the draft board by the EHA Board liaisons.

Players not drafted by an A or B-level coach will be placed in the C pool. In most instances, all C pool players are then invited to final scrimmage sessions for coaches to evaluate the skaters and form balanced teams properly. Following these scrimmage sessions, the "C" coaches meet to draft players for the teams.

### **Tryout Pressure**

The players do feel the pressure of tryouts. If they don't think about the tryout process, they will likely be reminded by their friends, classmates, and parents.

During the tryout process, it is important for parents to provide support and be upbeat. The best advice we can give you is to tell your son or daughter how proud you are of them and to go out and do the best they can. Advise them to have fun and that, whatever happens, you love them, and they will have a great season.

There will be disappointments. Inevitably, a player will not make a level that he or she thought they would make in the tryout process. As a parent, you need to make sure that you step back and understand that the words you choose, and the feelings you reflect on your child will impact them going forward. Positively reinforcing your child's play rather than critiquing the tryout process or criticizing other players can only assist the player's development. As we all know, the optimism of having a successful season becomes the focal point once the new teams are formed and the first practices begin.

### **Commitment and Expectations**

Teams are selected for A, B, and C levels to provide players an opportunity to play at an appropriate skill level.

Players and parents should expect that commitment from all teams will require significant time. Coaches at all levels will expect that players attend practices and games. Communicating with the coaches when a player can't be at a game or practice is essential for the coaches to prepare for either the game or practice. Remember, most ice time, skill development, instruction, and individual improvement occur by the results of practice.

Each coach will have their own rules and discipline regarding absences. Please respect their need to establish these parameters for the team. The EHA can't stress enough that regardless of the level your child will play, the commitment he/she is making is significant. Ensure the player and parent understand this at the time of registration.

See Player Commitment Policy in the Policy Section.

### **Team Volunteers**

There are many volunteer opportunities to help your team run smoothly. Every parent is expected to help in some manner. It is the coach's responsibility to select a team manager. Once the coach has selected the team manager, each team will need volunteers, depending on the team budget, for:

- Ice Coordinator
- Team Parties Coordinator
- Parent Party Coordinator
- Publicity
- Photographers

- Timekeepers/Scorekeepers
- Scrapbook Coordinator
- Photo Day Coordinator
- Team Liaison to the team sponsor
- Team Tournament Coordinator
- Treasurer

**EHA Volunteer Obligations**

All families of traveling players will be required, at minimum, to work multiple shifts at their players' EHA home tournament. Specific volunteer obligations will be coordinated by each team manager.



## Equipment

All players on EHA teams are required to wear protective equipment during all games and practices. Each player's equipment shall be as prescribed by District 6 of Minnesota Hockey for their position, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Proper fitting ice skates
- Stick
- Breezers
- Safety-certified helmet with an attached faceguard
- Attached colored mouth guard.
- A supporter and cup or pelvic protector
- Shin Pads
- Shoulder Pads
- Throat protector.
- Hockey Gloves
- Elbow Pads

## Before you buy

- In an effort to keep down the cost of hockey, the EHA recognizes that used equipment is a more affordable option and considers any equipment color acceptable. However, before you buy your child new equipment, know that Black is the preferred color for helmets, gloves, and breezers.

## Goalie Equipment

- Athletic cup/pelvic protector
- Garter belt and socks or sweatpants
- Breezers
- Skates – goalies' skates are highly recommended above mite level.
- Leg Pads
- Chest protector/arm protector
- Helmet, mouth guard, and neck protector.
- Glove and blocker.
- Goalie stick

## Uniforms

**Travel Teams:** Each player will receive two game jerseys of contrasting colors to keep at the season's end. Each will be silk-screened with the team sponsor's name and player number on the back. Players will also be given two pairs of hockey socks as part of their uniform.

**Mite Teams:** Mite teams will receive one jersey they will keep at the season's end. All mite players will be given one pair of hockey socks.

No teams in the EHA will have uniforms that differ from the EHA-approved uniform.

### **Mouthguards and Neck Guards**

Mouth guards and neck guards are always required. There are several varieties. All mouthguards must be colored and attached to the facemask of the helmet.

### **Insurance**

The EHA provides excess coverage medical insurance through USA Hockey Team Registration. For more information, contact an EHA Board Member.

### **Clinics and Spring/Fall Leagues**

As in most sports or activities, there are innumerable opportunities to participate in off-season camps, clinics, and leagues, many of which will involve fellow EHA families. These activities can often be enjoyable and rewarding but can also be the source of much confusion and disillusionment.

If you are interested in the various "off-season" options, you must be proactive in seeking information. Some sources include hockey-related literature such as *Let's Play Hockey*, bulletin board postings at the arenas, and networking with those involved. Participation in these activities has no influence on which team your child will play for in the upcoming season other than to the extent that the additional ice time is a contributing factor to a player's personal development. Generally, it is felt that clinics and camps will do more for a player's development than leagues that only play games. It will be the individual's responsibility to determine their personal level of participation, if at all.

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**Edina Hockey Association Board of Directors**

Please refer to the EHA website for the complete list of EHA Board members as well for their committee responsibilities and contact information.

**Edina Hockey Association Presidents**

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| 1958 | Stewart McIntosh   | 1982 | Robert Foast   | 2006 | Dan Hoene        | 2023 | Charlie Johnson |
| 1959 | Dave Thomas        | 1983 | Bing Carlin    | 2006 | Steve Halgren    | 2024 | Shannon Kuznia  |
| 1960 | Ridge Baker        | 1984 | Noel Rahn      | 2007 | Bruce Machmeier  | 2025 | Art Boylan      |
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| 1962 | Jim Ashworth       | 1986 | Ed Howat       | 2008 | Jay Rohkohl      |      |                 |
| 1963 | Jack Kirkland      | 1987 | Jon Lineweaver | 2008 | Sharon Burns     |      |                 |
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| 1967 | Carl Moser         | 1991 | Reid Evenson   | 2010 | Dan Rectenwald   |      |                 |
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