



MYHA Policy

Policy Title: **Middleton Youth Hockey Association Player Code of Conduct**

Effective Date: April 2019

- I. Purpose: Policy on Player conduct
- II. Persons Affected: All Middleton Youth Hockey players
- III. Policy

It is the philosophy of Middleton Youth Hockey Association (MYHA) to promote the advancement of youth athletics through hockey by developing teamwork, sportsmanship, respect and camaraderie while enhancing hockey skill, social development and competition.

To support this philosophy, all players and parents/guardians are expected to maintain and demonstrate these attributes not only on the ice, but at all times during their association with MYHA. The Board of Directors has therefore adopted the following Code of Conduct.

### **Player Code of Conduct**

All players are expected to display a positive attitude and conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner while attending practices, games, and any other MYHA events.

Level 1 violations (may include but not limited to)

1. Bullying, using profanity, taunting, making derogatory remarks or displaying obscene or offensive behavior toward players, coaches or official on- or off-ice.
2. Being disruptive during practices, games in the locker room and on ice rink premises.
3. Being disrespectful toward teammates, coaches, parents, opponents, rink staff, hotel staff and fans.
4. Failure to follow team rules or the direction of coaches promptly and without complaint.
5. Failure to attend all games and practices. If unable to attend, the player will notify the coach in advance.

A Level 1 Code of Conduct violation may result in the following:

- First Offense: up to one (1) period suspension
- Second Offense: up to 1 game suspension
- Third Offense: two (2) or more game suspension

Level 2 violations (may include but not limited to)

1. Abusing or damaging equipment or rink facilities at home games, away games or tournaments. Players will be held financially responsible for repair or replacement costs at the discretion of the rink management.
2. Stealing personal belongings of another player, coach, fan, rink staff or competitor.
3. Fighting or displaying abusive or harassing behavior.
4. Displaying chronic or severe insubordination
5. Possession of pornography or obscene materials or gestures
6. Gang related expression, communication or activity
7. Gambling
8. Other behavior deemed unbecoming of an MYHA member
9. Repeated violations of Level 1 rules.

A Level 2 Code of Conduct violation may result in the following:

- First Offense: up to 1 game suspension
- Second Offense: three (3) game suspension
- Third Offense: the incident will be reported to the Board of Directors who will review the incident and determine the appropriate action. Such action may include, but is not limited to further suspension or expulsion from MYHA

Level 3 violations (may include but not limited to)

1. Possession, sale, or intent to distribute alcohol, tobacco, controlled or illegal substances, unprescribed medication or inhalants
2. Possession of weapons, including look-alikes
3. Possession of fireworks, lighters, explosive devices or any accelerant
4. Possession of drug paraphernalia
5. Sexual assault or the threat of sexual assault
6. Physical assault or the threat of physical assault
7. Making bomb threats
8. Intentional false fire alarm
9. Igniting any material on ice rink premises
10. Felony theft
11. Serious verbal threats, significant harassment or bullying
12. Other behavior deemed unbecoming of an MYHA member
13. Repeated violations of Level 2 rules

A Level 3 Code of Conduct violation will result in immediate suspension until the Board of Directors determine appropriate disciplinary action at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Information gathering and communication with the affected player and parents will follow the process outlined in the MYHA Discipline Policy.

A Level 3 Code of Conduct violation may result in suspension from 1 or more games, up to and including the remainder of the season or any other action deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. Reinstatement for the remainder of the season or for the next season must be approved by the Board of Directors before the player rejoins his/her team for practices and games or prior to the player attending any MYHA activity. No membership ("ice") fees will be

refunded. The Board of Directors reserves the right to permanently suspend or expel a player from any further participation in MYHA activities.

## **General**

Any player, parent/guardian, coach or team rep may bring forth to the Board of Directors any incident or behavior by a player, parent/guardian or coach which, in their opinion does not support the philosophy of MYHA.

All suspensions will be served at the next regularly scheduled game, scrimmage or tournament. When suspended from a game, the player is also suspended from practice. Repeated and/or dangerous actions may be referred to the Board of Directors for accelerated discipline which may range from suspension for the remainder of the season to permanent suspension.