



Parents Code of Conduct



Massachusetts Hockey Parents Code of Conduct Agreement Form

INSTRUCTIONS

All parents must complete this agreement every year. First you must read the Code of Conduct section of the USA Hockey Annual guide which can be found at: [here](#) Or on the next page

Once you have read that section of the annual guide sign this agreement and bring to your coach or Program Designee.

AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned parent, have read and agree to abide by, the USA/Mass Hockey Parents Code of Conduct.

I understand that violations of the Parents Code of Conduct may result in removal of my child from programs sanctioned by USA Hockey and/or its affiliate, the Massachusetts Hockey Association.

I further understand that lack of awareness or a misunderstanding of an ethical standard on my part is not a defense to a charge of unethical conduct.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____ Date: _____

Address
Street: _____

City/Town: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

USA HOCKEY

Parents Code of Conduct:

- 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. Make 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. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- 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 rules of the game, 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 a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell at 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.

Spectators Code of Conduct:

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
- Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants; do not boo opponents.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
- Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing any items on the surface can cause injury to players and officials.
- Do not lean over or pound on the glass or fence; the glass and fence surrounding the surface is part of the playing area.
- Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety - be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
- Be supportive after the game - win or lose.
- Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

I have read the above; I agree to abide by the code of conduct established by USA Hockey.

Mother/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Father/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



**USA HOCKEY
PARTICIPANT
CODE OF CONDUCT**

NAME: _____

To be read and signed by you as a member of Team: _____

Participating in USA Hockey for the _____ season.

1. No swearing or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.
2. No lashing out at any official no matter what the call is. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
3. Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.
4. Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting will result in an appearance before a Discipline Committee.
5. There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco or use of illegal substance at any team function.
6. I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc) during all team functions.
7. Any player or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action.

Signed: _____ Date: _____