



### **Match Penalty Acknowledgement**

**A Match Penalty is reserved for the most severe breaches of the rules. It addresses attempts to injure an opponent, team official, or referee. However, there are other ways in which a player or team official can receive a match penalty, such as refusal to start play or any actions that are severely detrimental to the game.**

Per the rule of USA Hockey, any player or coach incurring a Match Penalty shall be suspended from participating in any USA Hockey games, practices, and USA Hockey sanctioned events until the proper authorities have dealt with his/her case.

Per the supplemental rules of the Hudson Valley High School Ice Hockey Association, in addition, any player or coach incurring a Match Penalty shall be immediately suspended from participating, playing, coaching, officiating (on or off ice) in any USA Hockey event until the case has been dealt with by the proper authorities.

If a Match Penalty is assessed, the discipline panel of the league will provide the player or coach a hearing within (30) days. The panel's findings will be provided within (10) days of that hearing.

The rule means that if you or your child is assessed a Match Penalty you or your child cannot participate, play, coach, or officiate (High School, Youth, Juniors, and/or Adult); tryout for any team (High School, Youth, Juniors, and/or Adult); Participate in games or tournaments with any team (High School, Youth, Juniors, and/or Adult); Be on the bench; referee; scorekeeper. This is effective until the findings of the panel are released at which time the findings will outline either continuation or lifting of restriction.

If you or your child is assessed a Match Penalty in any USA Hockey Sanctioned Game, it will affect him/her from playing and participating with any other team he/she is rostered on. If you or your child is assessed a Match Penalty in High School, Youth, Juniors, Adult game, it will affect him/her from playing and participating in future USA Hockey Events.

**If a Match Penalty is assessed, it is individual's responsibility to notify either the coach and/or team managers immediately.**

If a player or coach incurs a Match Penalty and violates the terms/ restrictions of the penalty as outlined above, the league will take immediate disciplinary actions.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules applying to a Match Penalty and have been informed of the ramifications associated with a match penalty.

Participants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18): \_\_\_\_\_