

Easton Youth Hockey Association

Parents Code of Conduct

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the Easton Youth Hockey Association and USA Hockey are committed to emphasizing sportsmanship, eliminating fighting and maintaining a safe environment for all participants. To that end, the EYHA has adopted a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**. Pursuant to the **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**, the EYHA will not tolerate inappropriate, improper and/or unsportsmanlike behavior from any Administrator, Coach, On-Ice Official, Parent, Player or Spectator.

To reinforce the **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**, each family of a EYHA player and/or participant in EYHA hockey is required, each year, to read and sign this form, reflecting their agreement to conduct themselves consistent with the **EYHA Code of Conduct** (as set forth in USA Hockey's Programs and Philosophy Section of the Annual Guide) and **EYHA's ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** (as adopted by USA Hockey). Families of a EYHA player and/or participants in EYHA Hockey unwilling to read and sign this form will not be permitted to participate in EYHA hockey, nor will they be permitted to be present during any EYHA events.

Code of Conduct guidelines are set forth in the USA Hockey 2007-2008 Annual Guide (Programs and Philosophy, B. Code of Conduct) and these guides, as well as the EYHA Code of Conduct, will be use to determine whether an Administrator, Coach, On-Ice Official, Parent, Player or Spectator has acted inappropriate, improper and/or engaged in unsportsmanlike behavior, thereby violating the **Code of Conduct and/or the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**.

The EYHA reserves the right to determine any and all penalties for violations of the **Code of Conduct and/or the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**, up to and including suspending a player indefinitely for a first-time offense if warranted by the conduct, at the sole discretion of the EYHA Board of Directors. Players and/or Parents waive any right(s) to a refund of any fees when suspended. A general guideline for the EYHA Board of Directors' and/or Grievance Committee's handling of typical, non-violent offenses is as follows:

First Offense: A written warning, issued by the Divisional Ace Coordinator and/or the EYHA Grievance Committee and copied to the Board of Directors.

Second Offense: A two game suspension.

Third Offense: Further suspension or expulsion.

The statement of these step levels of penalty in no way limit the EYHA Board of Directors treatment or handling of serious violations such as violence, threats of violence, gross intimidation, assault, battery or similar improper conduct.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

We, the undersigned, have read the above-stated **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**. We are aware of the consequences of not abiding by the **Codes of Conduct and/or the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**, and by my signature and/or by my or my family's participation in CCYHA Hockey, we agree to be bound by **the Codes of Conduct and the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**. Further, by my signature and/or my or my family's participation, we agree to waive any and all rights to file with any state and/or federal court system any action to seek to halt, enjoin or seek review of EYHA's enforcement of the **Codes of Conduct and/or the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**. If we, individually or collectively, file any legal action related to the **Code of Conduct or the ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** and the EYHA prevails in its defense against said action, we agree to pay EYHA's reasonable attorney's fees, cost and expenses.

Signature of Player: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____