

8. CODE OF CONDUCT

OSHL

(Ohio Scholastic Hockey League)

CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITMENT (updated 07/18/18)

In order to provide a positive, safe, and responsible high school hockey experience for all players, parents and coaches, this “Code of Conduct Commitment” must be read, understood, and signed by each player, parent and coach in order to participate in all aspects of league activities including, but not limited to, league and tournament events at both the Varsity and JV levels, “All Star” and/or exhibition practices and games. In addition to and separate from League events, the individual member clubs are encouraged to adopt and enforce this or a similar code of conduct with respect to club activities including practices. By his or her signature below, each player, parent and coach agrees to abide by and adhere to the rule and policies of the OSHL include the restrictions and regulations contained herein and those contained in the OSHL Playing Rules.

A. Misconduct

In addition to the governing body Hockey Rules the following will apply:

1. Players, parents and coaches recognize that this league has adopted a zero-tolerance policy with respect to physical and verbal misconduct, which will be upheld by both the referees and league officials. The zero-tolerance policy also includes any cyber bullying and/or Internet exploitation of players, coaches and officials.

2. Coaches understand they are role models for their players and further recognize that achieving a good clean physical win or loss is more important than winning at all costs. Coaches will not teach or encourage physical or verbal misconduct or tolerate the same from any of their players. Coaches witnessing any physical or verbal misconduct from any of their own players are expected to take appropriate action. Any team incurring 15 penalties shall have the head coach suspended for the next league event. Subsequent occurrences of game misconducts for 15 penalties in a game during the same season shall have the head coach suspended per A.3 herein.

2a. Coaches will follow the same code of conduct as our players with the following exceptions:

A. If a coach is suspended due to his team receiving 15 penalties, it will be the head coach that receives the misconduct point as it is the head coach that is assessed the penalty by USAH.

B. If a coach is ejected from a game, the coach receiving the ejection from the game will received the misconduct points. This will be considered a game misconduct and 2 misconduct penalty points will be issued for that penalty.

C. Coach misconduct penalty points will not be forgiven for the duration of the season.

All other suspensions and rules will apply per the players COC.

3. All COC violations are to be reported to the VP immediately as these could impact the player’s opportunity to play the next day. It is the offending player’s team that is to report any such violations.

Any player or coach exhibiting a pattern of abusive behavior including physical, verbal or a combination of both will be subject to suspension from play. Any player receiving a 10 minute misconduct shall be assessed one misconduct point.

A player who receives a game misconduct will receive the following

First offense - 1 game suspension

2nd offense - 2 game suspension

3rd offense - 3 game suspension and COC review

Any player or coach who accumulates a total of 4 misconduct points throughout each season, including tournament games will be subject to a review by the league conduct committee. The conduct committee's charge is to review the circumstance of the individual's misconducts and determine appropriate action including season ending suspension. Application of the following progressive game misconduct structure applies:

One Misconduct point: No penalty

From this point on, game suspensions will equal one less than the number of misconduct points accumulated plus the game/s assessed by the referee for the incident. Games suspensions from the OSHL COC must be served during a league game. (Game already on league schedule)

Two Misconduct points: One game suspension

If both points were assessed for the same incident or an accumulation of one point for two violations the game will be served concurrently

Three Misconduct points: Two game suspension

Four Misconduct points: Three game suspension and conduct committee review that could assess additional game suspensions including the possibility of a season ending suspension

Five Misconduct points: Four game suspension

Six Misconduct points: Five game suspension

Seven Misconduct points: Six game suspension

Eight Misconduct points: Indefinite suspension pending conduct committee review including the possibility of a season ending suspension

Note: All misconduct penalties are Code of Conduct violations.

This system is intended to communicate two messages; a 10 minute misconduct is a serious violation and players will be held accountable for continued 10 minute violations and responsibility for acceptable behavior belongs to the players and coaches.

4. Match penalties or Game Disqualification for "Attempt to Injure", require immediate league review. A player receiving a match penalty will get a minimum of a 2 game suspension and must come before the COC Review committee.

All "Attempt to Injure: Penalties shall be reported to the Conduct Committee within 48 hours by the team manager or President. A review of the incident shall be conducted in

accordance with the procedure outlined herein. Upon receiving notice of the automatic league suspension, the offending player has 72 hours to request a league hearing. Any player not requesting a league hearing shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

A minimum of three (3) members of the Conduct Committee, not including the suspended player's team representative or a representative from the opponent's team at the time of the infraction, shall be required to hold a hearing to determine the appropriate term of the suspension. Conduct committee members are encouraged to solicit input from the on-ice game officials during this hearing and if possible having the officials attend the hearing. A majority vote of the members of the Conduct Committee present is required to determine the length of suspension.

Until such time as the hearing is conducted, the player shall not participate in any league or club activities including practices. Any hearing to modify the term of suspension shall be conducted within a maximum of five days of the request for hearing. The league representative of the suspended player's team may be present at the hearing but may not vote with respect to the action taken on the request for modification.

B. Game Suspension – Carry over

1. If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season or the full suspension cannot be completed during the regular season or tournament, the player/coach shall be ineligible for the remaining period of time to be served during the next regular season game(s). A player/coach who receives their fourth (4) [or more] misconduct point in the season during their last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of regular season game(s) subject to the discretion of the Conduct Committee to be served during the next regular season.

C. Penalty Forgiveness

1. Misconduct points will roll off at 30 days. This rule does not supersede any USA hockey suspension rules.

Should a misconduct penalty be assessed for the following penalties, the misconduct points WILL NOT be forgiven and the points will stand for these penalties:

- Intent to injure
- Misconduct resulting in an injury
- Fighting

NOTE: for the 2018/19 Season (only) game suspensions for accumulated points for 10 minute misconduct penalties will be waived. All other rules remain in effect.

I have read and understand the OSHL Code of Conduct as stated and agree to abide by all items within the Code without question.

Player's printed name: _____ Team: _____

Player's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents signature: _____ Date: _____

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Coach's printed name: _____ Team: _____

Coach's signature: _____ Date: _____