

## Evanston Youth Hockey Association: Parent Code of Conduct



The Evanston Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) is an affiliate of the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois and USA Hockey, and thus adheres to their rules and regulations. In accordance with these organization's guidelines, EYHA has established the EYHA Zero Tolerance Policy and the EYHA Parent Code of Conduct. EYHA, team coaches and team managers are responsible for ensuring compliance with these policies.

For the purposes for this policy, key definitions are as follows:

*Evanston Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) Parent:* people who are directly involved in activities of the organization as parents or guardians regardless of which parent or guardian signs this agreement.

*Hockey Activities:* including, but not limited to, any games, tournaments, practices - including off-ice or "dry-land" activities, clinics or team activities.

The EYHA Parent Code of Conduct:

1. I will be responsible for ensuring that my child attends practices and games on time as scheduled.
2. I will focus on the goal of using sports to teach life lessons, while leaving the goal of winning to players and coaches.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, fans and volunteers at every hockey activity.
4. I will act appropriately at all times, cheer good plays of all participants in a positive manner and encourage fair play.
5. I will refrain from negative or derogatory comments about any players, coaches or officials, and will not be verbally abusive toward them or anyone else.
6. I will not embarrass my child by creating a public display of anger toward coaches, players, parents, spectators, officials, volunteers (including EYHA volunteers) at a hockey activity; nor by email, text or phone call. I will express my concerns through proper channels in an appropriate and respectful manner.
7. I will remember that my child/children are looking to me for guidance.
8. I will respect the integrity and judgment of the coaches, officials, EYHA personnel and board members.
9. I will be aware that my conduct at games is a reflection on EYHA.
10. I will accept responsibility for any guests who come to a hockey activity on my behalf.
11. I understand if my child violates the Player Code of Conduct, he/she will be subject to the sanctions set forth in the Zero Tolerance Policy.
12. In the event that I have a specific complaint regarding any game or practice, I will wait 24 hours to approach a coach with any such concerns. This passage of time will allow cooler heads to prevail.
13. In the event a broader problem or concern exists on my player's team, I will contact the coach, a board member or EYHA hockey director as soon as possible.
14. I will comply with the EYHA Locker Room Policy.
15. I will comply with the EYHA Social Media Policy.
16. I agree to pay my account promptly/on time according to the terms agreed upon with EYHA.

Through hockey we are building a solid foundation for the future character development of our children. Each game, win or lose, is an opportunity for them to learn life-long values.

I understand and agree to uphold the EYHA Parent Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in penalties as outlined in the EYHA Zero Tolerance Policy.

*Adopted July 2018*