



OPRF HOCKEY CLUB

PLAYER / PARENT AGREEMENT

Practices-Attendance/Absence Policy

All practices and off ice drills are mandatory. If you must miss a practice, off ice, or game, the player is required to call your head coach a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the event. A missed practice or off ice without a phone call will result in sitting a minimum of one period the next game. Communication must be with coach directly and not through other players. Chronic absence without a doctor's note may result in suspension.

Grades

School and grades are a main priority. OPRF Hockey follows your parents' wishes regarding grades. If you are underachieving, we will suspend your play until such time as your parents are satisfied.

Respect

Hockey is a long season. In order to have a successful season, it is crucial that we respect one another and build each other's confidence. The coaches will coach and the players will play.

Practice and Games

All players should be at the rink at least 30 minutes before practice or at a time requested by your coach. Be ready to go on the ice when the Zamboni door shuts. For games, players must arrive at least one hour prior to game time and be completely dressed and ready to go on the ice 15 minutes prior to the game. If you are going to be late, you must call 1 hour before arrival (2 hours before game time).

Game Dress Code

Dress code for games is shirt, tie, dress pants and dress shoes (no sweats or tennis shoes)

Language

Absolutely no profanity, on or off the ice, is acceptable while you are representing OPRF Hockey Club.

Sportsmanship

You are a representative of your team, your school and community. Win or lose, we will display excellent sportsmanship. Conduct yourself with honor.

Locker Room Cleaning

The last two players out of the locker room will be expected to make sure the locker room is picked up. If the rink notifies any coaches or staff of a problem with the locker room after a game, the whole team will be held responsible. This is a team locker room and must be kept clean. PICK UP YOUR OWN GARBAGE.

OPRF HOCKEY CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

Playing for the OPRF Hockey Club is a privilege. The OPRF Hockey Club coaches, board members, and team managers believe student athletes who play hockey for the OPRF Hockey Club should conduct themselves as responsible representatives of their club, school and community at all times. Students who represent the OPRF Hockey Club and Oak Park River Forest High School **are expected to maintain high standards of conduct 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.** Parents, coaches, and board members share in the responsibility for helping student athletes adhere to these standards.

All participants have a responsibility to adhere to the rules and policies established by the West Division of the Illinois High School Hockey League, the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA), and USA Hockey. On-ice violations of rules and regulations will be governed by the West Division of the Illinois High School Hockey League and AHA guidelines and any sanctions imposed by those organizations will be enforced by the OPRF Hockey Club.

Student athletes must also follow the OPRF Hockey Club Code of Conduct and the Oak Park River Forest High School Code of Conduct. Athletes who violated these codes of conduct may receive consequences up to and including suspension and/or dismissal from the organization. Such violations include, but are not limited to:

- Use or possession of alcohol, tobacco products and/or controlled/illegal substances;
- Being present at a party or activity where alcohol or illegal drugs are available;
- Violations of academic integrity and ethics;
- Violations of the OPRFHS Code of Conduct (Level II, III, or IV infractions); examples include, but are not limited to gang activity, fighting, vandalism, theft, harassment, bullying, cyber-bullying and hazing;
- Any criminal offense or conduct or activity;
- Violation of the OPRF Hockey Club Social Media Policy.

The OPRF Hockey Club will enforce any disciplinary sanctions (expulsion, social probation) imposed by OPRF high school authorities, including the exclusion of disciplined players from attending or participating all OPRF Hockey games, practices, and events.

Consequences of Violating the OPRF Hockey Club Code of Conduct

When there is evidence of a violation of the OPRF Hockey Club Code of Conduct, the President of the OPRF Hockey Club will convene the Rules and Ethics Committee composed of the executive committee members of the OPRF Hockey Board (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, registrar) and the OPRF Hockey Director.

The committee will respond to the violation based on the circumstances and actions of the player and may request a meeting with the player and his/her parent or guardian prior to delivering a decision. Consequences may include verbal warnings, suspension from a percentage of remaining games, dismissal from the team for the remainder of the year, or dismissal from OPRF Hockey Club for the remainder of the player's high school career. Refunds for hockey fees will not be made to families of suspended players.

Consequences and sanctions will be delivered to the player and parent/guardian in writing within two (2 days) of the Rules and Ethics Committee meeting.

Appeals Procedure

Any student athlete found to be in violation of the OPRF Hockey Club Code of Conduct has the right to appeal consequences and sanctions. The appeal must present extenuating circumstances that the player believes the Rules and Ethics Committee did not have available to them at the time of the initial decision. If the player has been suspended from play, he/she may NOT participate in any regular season, playoff, practice or tournament games during the appeal process.

The appeals procedure is as follows:

- The student athlete's parent/guardian must appeal the consequence **in writing** within three (3) days of receipt of the written decision handed down by the OPRF Hockey Club. This appeal should be directed to the OPRF Hockey Board President.
- The Rules and Ethics Committee will review the appeal and will meet with the player and his/her parent/guardian.
- The Rules and Ethics Committee will respond to the appeal and may:
 - maintain the recommended consequence or sanction,
 - reduce maintain the recommended consequence or sanction,
 - remove maintain the recommended consequence or sanction.
- The decision of the Rules and Ethics Committee following appeal is final.

I agree to abide by the Code of Conduct set forth by the OPRF Hockey Club. I understand that violating the Code of Conduct may result in consequences including, but not limited to suspension and/or dismissal from the OPRF Hockey Club.

OPRF HOCKEY CLUB FINANCIAL POLICY

Financial Obligation

Once a player has been assigned to a roster spot and has shown acceptance of this spot by signing this player/parent agreement, the family assumes all financial obligations toward paying all fees due to the club. OPRF Hockey Club is a non-profit organization and relies solely on the fees and fundraising to be in existence. The family will be held liable for all fees as stated in the fee schedule listed below. All appropriate measures will be taken to collect these fees. All fees and expenses are to be paid in full by December 6, 2016. If fees are not paid, the player will NOT be eligible to play in the playoffs or state games and may be suspended by AHAI for not meeting their financial obligation.

2017-2018 OPRF Hockey Fee Schedule

- Skater fee is \$3,850
- Goalie fee is \$3,400

Fees may be paid in full or in three installments. The full fee and installment payments are due at our mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, August 31st at 7pm in large meeting room at Ridgeland Commons.

Families wishing to pay by installment may do so by providing three checks dated:

- August 31, 2017 (\$1,450 Skater) or (\$1,200 goalie);
- October 6, 2017 (\$1,200 skater) or (\$1,200 goalie);
- December 8, 2017 (\$1,200 skater) or (\$1,000 goalie).

All checks should be made payable to the **OPRF High School Hockey Club**.

- New players need to bring a separate payment of \$300 for custom jersey orders
- **Players who have not made their full or installment payments at the September 6, 2016 meeting will NOT be allowed on the ice until their payments are made.**

The fees covers practice ice, league game ice, dryland training, power skates, clinics, tournaments, coaching, and referees.

Volunteer Hours

An additional check for \$200 is due at the parent meeting, as collateral for the club volunteer requirement. Families are expected to volunteer for at least 10 hours of support to the club over the course of the hockey season. The check must be dated March 1, 2018, and will not be deposited if the 10-hour requirement is met.

OPRF HOCKEY CLUB ONLINE & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

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

- Online social networking – an online service, platform, or site that allows users to share information, ideas, comments, events, or media
- OPRF Hockey Membership - people that are directly involved in activities of the organization, including coaches, team managers, team support staff, players, parents, and administrative staff.

The OPRF HOCKEY CLUB understands and appreciates the importance of social networking as it relates to the personal and professional lives of its members and its stakeholders. This immediate and public forum provides unique opportunities for networking and promotion; however, it also provides an unsupervised medium for inappropriate conduct to occur. This conduct may be deemed detrimental to the welfare of OPRF Hockey, its membership and not in the best interests of the game. OPRF Hockey holds its entire membership who participates in online social networking to the same standards as it would with all forms of communication including television, radio and print.

These policies are designed to protect all parties from harassment, bullying, stalking, inappropriate contact or behavior, however they are intended. The following are some examples of behavior in online social networking mediums that will result in appropriate disciplinary action at the discretion of the OPRF Hockey Club Rules and Ethics Committee:

- Posting or divulging confidential information that includes but is not limited to: member's personal information, contact information, medical conditions, injuries and/or other sensitive matters pertinent to OPRF Hockey and its membership;
- Posting negative or derogatory comments about any of OPRF Hockey's or competing programs' staff, programs, members, stakeholders, or program participants;
- Posting photographs, video or comments regarding fights, penalties, or other in-game incidents;
- Posting photographs, video or comments promoting negative influences or criminal behavior including but not limited to: drug use, alcohol abuse, public intoxication, sexual exploitation, etc;
- Participating in any online activity that contradicts the current policies of OPRF Hockey or the OPRF High School Code of Conduct (<http://www.oprfhs.org/athletics/documents/StudentAthleteHandbook.pdf>);
- Posting any inappropriate, derogatory, racist, or sexist comments contradictory to OPRF Hockey's policies on these matters.

and Oak Park River Forest High School. Members are expected to demonstrate discretion and respect over these sites; if a photo or comment would be inappropriate for all other forms of media, then it should be considered inappropriate for online social networking sites. Any material, comments or actions through these portals deemed inappropriate will be reviewed by the OPRF Hockey Club Rules & Ethics Committee for possible sanctions up to and including suspension and/or expulsion from the program.

Additionally, OPRF Hockey Club will be implementing [USA Hockey's innovative Social Media, Mobile and Electronic Communications Policy](#) as outlined in the SafeSport handbook.



OPRF HOCKEY CLUB CONSENT TO POLICIES

We, the family of _____ have read, understand, and agree to the above player and parent obligations as stated in:

- OPRF Hockey Club Player/Parent Agreement;
- OPRF Hockey Club Code of Conduct;
- OPRF Hockey Club Financial Policy; and
- OPRF Hockey Club Online and Social Media Policy.

for the 2017-2018 season and with the USA Hockey Rules and Guidelines.

Player Signature	Print Name	Date
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Parent/Guardian Signature	Print Name	Date
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