

Bedford-Katonah Hockey Association Commitment Letter

"Every Bear player, coach and parent will at all times demonstrate behavior that will uphold the good reputation of our organization as a positive influence for our children, our teams and our community."

The goal of the Bedford-Katonah Hockey Association ("Bears") is to cultivate each participant's love of ice hockey while developing a child's individual and team skills. Our mission is to use the sport of hockey to enhance a child's self-esteem, build character, teach the importance of sportsmanship, foster team involvement, encourage healthy competition and promote respect for the players, parents, coaches, officials and opponents. A critical component of every player's development is based on his or her attendance at practices, games, and tournaments. A player's dedication to his or her teammates, coaches and the organization is expected when joining a Bears travel team.

A player's development and life-long lessons are learned by following through with his or her commitments. The Bedford Bears is a Tier III travel hockey organization playing in the Hudson Valley Hockey League and every player's participation is vital to his or her team success. Because we are a travel program, attendance is expected at all practices and games throughout the regular season, playoffs and tournaments. The Bears promote the multi-sport athlete along with the USA Hockey ADM Model and everyone is encouraged to play other sports. Players are expected to discuss fall sports conflicts with their coaches at the start of the season and maintain an open dialogue. As a winter sport, hockey is expected to take priority over all other sports from mid-October through March.

One of the Bears goals each season is for our top teams in each division to compete for a spot in the New York State (NYSAHA) Tournament. Should they qualify, our Tournament Bound teams and all players on those teams have an obligation to attend the Tier III NYSAHA Tournament, typically held each year in March. Attendance at the State Tournament is expected for all team members including players, coaches and managers and should be considered before accepting a spot on a Tournament Bound team.

By accepting a spot on a Bears travel team, each player, parent, coach and manager agrees to participate and attend all functions to the best of their abilities. Disciplinary actions such as, but not limited to, reduced playing time due to a lack of attendance, work ethic and desire may be assessed by our head coaches throughout the season.

By signing this Commitment Letter, you and your child agree to put forth your best efforts to participate in, and attend all Bears' practices, games and team functions for the season.

PLAYER NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____