

Hamden Youth
Hockey Association

Code of Ethics

The HYHA in conjunction with the Town of Hamden Parks and Recreation Department depends upon mature, respected, dependable volunteers and parents to work as managers, coaches, and in other leadership capacities for the good of the youngsters and the organization itself. This code of ethics has been prepared and approved by the Board of Directors to assist you in better understanding your responsibilities, privileges, and guidelines in helping the players be the best that they can be.

Responsibilities to the players

All association members and member's guests must:

1. Be alert to the physical safety of players and spectators.
2. Be consistent in handling players and problems so that standards of conduct may be established.
3. Be willing to encourage rather than humiliate any player in front of his/her teammates or spectators.
4. Properly condition the players to the extent that they can safely and adequately meet the physical demands of the sport.
5. Be consistently alert to the opportunities to help players develop desirable habits and attitudes. These include promptness, clean living, responsibility, leadership, cooperation, self discipline, sportsmanship and fair play.
6. Make certain all protective equipment is worn per association rules.

Behavior of the Managers, Coaches, and Parents

All association officials, managers, coaches, and parents must:

1. Be conscious that they set a personal example for the players, both on and off the ice.
2. Insist that sportsmanship be a major emphasis in the game.
3. Create an atmosphere of respect for authority, rules, game officials, etc.
4. Be dependable to the players and the association.
5. Become familiar with and adhere to association rules as well as those of the game.
6. Not vocally interfere with or position himself/herself so as to interfere with the playing a game.

Responsibility to the Association

All association officials, managers, coaches, and parents must:

1. Annually sign and adhere to the association Code of Ethics.
2. Notify the insurance agent representative or other delegated officer of injuries sustained by a player or leader personnel within 48 hours of such accident.
3. Properly protect all association equipment and promptly return same when requested.
4. Teach protection and respect of Town property.
5. Realize that attendance at association meetings is as important as participating in team events.
6. Speedily comply with all rulings and regulations of the association.

7. No individual shall speak either verbally or in writing for the association without the Board of Directors consent.

Code of Conduct

All association members, guests and players shall not:

1. Argue or fight with any spectator or association member.
2. Raise their voices above normal speaking tones to any opposing players, managers, coaches, parent or other association member.
3. Heckle any opposing players directly or indirectly.
4. Conduct themselves in any other manner which may bring discredit on the association or to the game.
5. Use profane or vilifying language toward anyone on or off the ice.
6. It is mandatory that any player, manager, coach or other representative of the association willfully striking another person during any association function shall at minimum be suspended from league activities pending a hearing.

Possible penalties for a violation of the associations Code of Ethics by players, family members, guests or other association members may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Exclusion from attending practices, games and other league events.
2. Up to and including termination from HYHA program. If termination from the program occurs as a result of a violation of the code of ethics, NO refund will be issued.

The conduct of Players, Managers, Coaches, Parents and League officials must be above reproach and must at all times reflect credit on the association.

It will be the duty of the Board of Directors to act upon any violation by any association member or player of The Hamden Youth Hockey Association. (i.e., any report in writing by another member of this association or referees for behavior unfitting of a Member or Player).

The Board of Directors shall convene at the discretion of the President of the association and rule upon violations within 72 hours of receipt of the written complaint. Written complaints must be submitted to a board member within 48 hours of the alleged violation. All decisions of the Board of Directors are considered to be final.

HAMDEN YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

All managers, coaches, and parents or legal guardians shall sign this form.

By signing this as a member, you are binding your family and guests to adhere to The Hamden Youth Hockey Code of Ethics.

Player: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coach / Manager: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____