

**NEW YORK STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION, INC.
PLAYER/ASSOCIATION COMMITMENT FORM**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:

1. Player/Parent and Association must complete all parts of this form prior to participating with the association, with the exception of tryouts.
2. Both the Player/Parent and the Association shall keep signed copies.
3. After this form is signed by both the Player/Parent and Association, no movement to another association will be allowed until the conclusion of the appropriate State or National Tournaments unless there are extenuating circumstances. A request to be released after this form is signed by all parties and prior to the conclusion of the appropriate State or National Tournaments must be submitted to and approved by the appropriate Section President.

PART 1 – To be completed by Player/Parent.

Player's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

I/we agree that the above named player will be registered and participate on the _____ team
of the (name of association) _____ for the _____ season.

Signature of Player or Parent (If under 18 years of age) _____ Date _____

PART 2 – To be completed by the Association's Team Coach.

I, _____, Coach hereby agree that the
above named player will be registered, and participate on my _____ team
for the _____ season.

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____

PART 3 – To be completed by the Association President.

On behalf of, and at the direction of the Board of Directors of the _____
Association, I, _____, President, do
hereby agree that the above named player will be registered, and participate on our _____
team for the _____ season.

President's Signature _____ Date _____



Waiver of Liability, Release Assumption of Risk & Indemnity Agreement

It is the purpose of this agreement to exempt, waive and relieve releasees from liability for personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death, including if caused by negligence, including the negligence, if any, of releasees. "Releasees" include USA Hockey, Inc., its affiliate associations, local associations, member teams, event hosts, other participants, coaches, officials, sponsor and advertisers, and each of them, their officers, directors, agents and employees.

For and in consideration of the undersigned participant's registration with USA Hockey, Inc., its affiliates, local associations and member teams (all referred to together as USAH) and being allowed to participate in USAH events and member team activities, participant (and the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of participant, if applicable) waive, release and relinquish any and all claims for liability and cause(s) of action, including for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring to participant arising out of participation in USAH events, member team activities, the sport of ice hockey, and/or activities incidental thereto, whenever or however they occur and for such period said activities may continue, and by this agreement any such claims, rights, and causes of action that participant (and participant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), if applicable) may have are hereby waived, released and relinquished, and participant (and parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) does(do) so on behalf of my/our and participant's heirs, administrators and assigns.

Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and assume all risks relating to ice hockey and any member team activities, and understand that ice hockey and member team activities involve risks to participant's person including bodily injury, partial or total disability, paralysis and death, and damages which may arise therefrom and that I ve have full knowledge of said risks. These risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the participant or the negligence e of others, including the "releasees" identified below. These risks and dangers include, but are not limited to, those arising from parti pating with bigger, faster and stronger participants, and these risks and dangers will increase if participant participates in ice hockey nd member team activities in an age group above that which participant would normally participate in. I/We further acknowledge that risks and dangers not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. Participant (and participant's parent(s)/g ardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and agree that all of the risks and dangers described throughout this agreement, in cluding those caused by the negligence of participant and/or others, are included within the waiver, release and relinquishment des cribed in the preceding paragraph. I/We agree to abide by and be bound under the rules of USA Hockey, including the By-Laws of th e corporation and the arbitration clause provisions, as currently published. Copies are available to USA Hockey members upon written request.

Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge, understand and assume the risks, if any, arising from the conditions and use of ice hockey rinks and related premises and acknowledge and understand that included within the scope of this waiver and release is any cause of action (including any cause of action based on negligence) arising from the performan ce, or failure to perform, maintenance, inspection, supervision or control of said areas and for the failure to warn of dangerous conditio ns existing at said rinks, for negligent selection of certain releasees, or negligent supervision or instruction by releasees.

If the law in any controlling jurisdiction renders any part of this agreement unenforceable, the remainder of this agr eement shall nevertheless remain enforceable to the full extent, if any, allowed by controlling law. This agreement affects your legal ri ghts, and you may wish to consult an attorney concerning this agreement.

Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) agree if any claim for participant's personal injury or w rongful death is commenced against releasees, he/she shall defend, indemnify and save harmless releasees from any and all claims or cau ses of action by whomever or wherever made or presented for participant's personal injuries, property damage or wrongful death.

Participant (and participant's parent(s)/guardian(s), if applicable) acknowledge that they have been provided and have re ad the above paragraphs and have not relied upon any representations of releasees, that they are fully advised of the potential dangers o f ice hockey and understand these waivers and releases are necessary to allow amateur ice hockey to exist in its present form. Significa nt exclusions may apply to USA Hockey's insurance policies, which could affect any coverage. For example, there is no liability covera ge for claims of one player against another player. Read your brochure carefully and, if you have any questions, contact USA Hockey or a District Risk Manager.

_____ Age _____ Date Signed _____
PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE

_____ PARTICIPANT NAME (PRINT)

_____ Date Signed _____
PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
(if Participant is 17 years of age or younger)

This form to be retained by local program.



USA HOCKEY
CONSENT TO TREAT

This is to certify that on this date, I _____, as parent or guardian of _____, give my consent to USA Hockey and its medical representative to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital, or clinic for the above mentioned athlete, for any injury that could arise from participation in USA Hockey sanctioned events.

If said athlete is covered by any insurance company, please complete the following:

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Address: _____

Policy Number: _____

Signed: _____

(parent/guardian)

Relationship to Athlete: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Date: _____

Excess accident insurance up to \$25,000, subject to deductibles, exclusions and certain limitations, is provided to all USA Hockey registered team participants. For further details call Jay Bernard at 1-800-486-6880.

(over, please)

MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

(COMPLETION OF THIS SIDE OF THE FORM IS OPTIONAL)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Birthdate: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

WHO TO CONTACT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Physician's Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Hospital of Choice: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

If the answer to any of the following questions is or was yes, please describe the problem and its implications for proper first aid treatment on a separate piece of paper.

Have you had (or do you presently have) any of the following?

Circle One

Head injury (concussion, skull fracture)	Yes	No
Fainting spells	Yes	No
Convulsions/epilepsy	Yes	No
Neck or back injury	Yes	No
Asthma	Yes	No
High blood pressure	Yes	No
Kidney problems	Yes	No
Hernia	Yes	No
Diabetes	Yes	No
Heart murmur	Yes	No
Allergies	Yes	No

Please specify: _____

Injuries to:

Shoulder	Yes	No
Knee	Yes	No
Ankle	Yes	No
Fingers	Yes	No
Arm	Yes	No
Other: _____		

Impaired vision Yes No

Impaired hearing Yes No

Other: _____

Have you had a recent tetanus booster? _____ If so, when? _____

Are you currently taking any medications? _____ What? Why? _____

Has the doctor placed any restrictions on your activity? _____ Explain: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Athlete)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Parent)

**USA HOCKEY
PARENTS AWARENESS
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desire to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun. Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.

Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.

Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the younger age levels.

Know and study the rules of hockey, and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.

Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice. It is destructive.

Work toward removing physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.

Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them. If you enjoy the game, learn all you can and dedicate time as a volunteer!

SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.

Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans. Enjoy the game together.

Cheer good plays of all participants, avoid booing opponents.

Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.

Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing objects on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials.

Do not lean over and pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.

Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.

Be responsible for your own safety and remain alert to help prevent accidents.

Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.

Be supportive after the game, win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

USA HOCKEY

Zero Tolerance Policy

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior and Senior Councils have instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials, administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey sanctioned games.

Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all On-Ice Referees and Linesmen:

Players

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

- 1) Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
- 2) Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
- 3) Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

Coaches

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

- 1) Openly disputes or disputes any decision by an official.
- 2) Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- 3) Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators.

Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

Officials

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited.

On-ice officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

Parents/Spectators The game will be stopped by On-Ice officials when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The On-Ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed play will resume. **Lost time will not be replaced** and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local Governing Body.

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
- Throwing of any object in the spectator's viewing area, player's bench, penalty box or on the ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

PARENTS SIGNATURE _____

I have read the above; I acknowledge the penalty incurred for any violations to disrupt or create a safety hazard any time before, during or after the game.



**USA HOCKEY
PARTICIPANT
CODE OF CONDUCT**

NAME: _____

To be read and signed by you as a member of Team. _____
Participating in USA Hockey for the 2007-2008 season.

1. No swearing or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.
2. No lashing out at any official no matter what the call is. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
3. Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.
4. Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting will result in an appearance before a Discipline Committee.
5. There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco or use of illegal substance at any team function.
6. I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc) during all team functions.
7. Any player or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action.

Signed: _____ Date: _____