



USA HOCKEY PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYER NAME: _____

To be read and signed by you as a member of Team: _____

Participating in USA Hockey for the 2017 / 2018 season.

Greater Haverhill Pentucket Youth Hockey Association Inc. strives itself on creating a fun and welcoming environment to play, watch and enjoy the sport of ice hockey. To that end, we have adopted the USA Hockey guidelines for Player, Coach and participant codes of conduct. All guidelines can also be found at www.usahockey.com .

Any player, parent, coach or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action.

Player Name _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Please read each item thoroughly. It's our unwavering expectation that each member abides by these guidelines:

Players:

1. Play for fun.
2. Work hard to improve your skills.
3. Be a team player; get along with your teammates.
4. Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
5. Be on time for practices and games.
6. Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
7. Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, opponents and officials.
8. Never argue with the official's decision.

Coaches Code of Conduct

Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than the winning of the game. Remember players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.

1. Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
2. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent, honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach, don't yell at players.
3. Adjust to personal needs and problems of players, be a good listener, never verbally or physically abuse a player or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach them the basics.
4. Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey; encourage all your players to be team players.
5. Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents.
6. Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
7. To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.

Parents Code of Conduct

1. Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
2. Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
3. Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all its participants, your child will benefit.
4. Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize competition in the lower age groups.
5. Know and study the rules of the game, and support the officials on and off the ice. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
6. Applaud a good effort in victory and in 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 the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
7. Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are very important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate and support them.
8. If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the game and volunteer.

Other General Guidelines

1. Foul, vulgar or abusive language shall not be used by anybody associated with the Thunder organization. (Coaches, players, parents, spectators).
2. Coaches and teammates should treat each other equally. Treat each other with respect.
3. All players shall receive an equal amount of playing time.
4. If a player or assistant coach cannot make a game or practice, they should contact the coach as soon as possible so he may make the necessary arrangements.
5. No players are allowed on the ice without a coach on the ice as well.
6. No Tobacco, Drug or Alcohol use during any Thunder Event (practice, game, etc.)