

# Missoula Area Youth Hockey Association

## Code of Conduct



### Player's Code of Conduct

I, a registered Missoula Area Youth Hockey Association (MAYHA) player, acknowledge that in my conduct and character, I also represent my parents/guardians, team, coaches, MAYHA, and the Missoula community. I will abide by the USA Hockey Code of Conduct and this document. I also acknowledge that membership and play in MAYHA is a privilege, not a right.

I understand and agree that I may be suspended for misconduct, while I am at the Glacier Ice Rink or during any MAYHA activities or team travel, including the following:

- The theft, misuse, destruction of, or damage to the property of MAYHA, other players, or any other person;
- The use of any obscene or abusive language;
- Failure to obey any curfew set by my coaches during team travel;
- The failure to promptly pay, or make and keep arrangements for the payment of restitution assessed by the Discipline Committee for theft, misuse, destruction, loss of, or damage to any property;
- The failure to promptly pay, or make and keep arrangements for the payment of fees, dues and charges for membership, ice time, or travel costs.
- The use or possession of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drug;
- Possession of any tobacco products during participation in any scheduled event at or in the ice arena will not be tolerated and the product will be confiscated;
- No littering in any rink or locker room. Spitting or other despicable or obnoxious actions will be tolerated;
- Fighting or intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical injury to any person on or off the ice;
- The use or possession of a weapon or any item that could be used as a weapon. The weapon will be confiscated and may be released to the parent;
- The refusal to subscribe to this Code;
- High School Players Only: I also agree to abide by the Missoula County Public Schools Code of Conduct.

I also understand and agree to the following:

- Reports of violations must be submitted in writing, signed and returned to the Discipline Committee. A sealed envelope addressed to the committee may be given to a coach, the Youth Hockey Director, or a MAYHA Board member.
- On-ice violations of the Code will be determined by a Discipline Committee consisting of the Youth Hockey Director, the Coach, the Referee-in-Charge, and Youth Hockey Committee Chair; off-ice violations of the Code will be determined by a Discipline Committee consisting of the Youth Hockey Director, the Coach, the Coaching Director and the Youth Hockey Committee Chair.
- Suspensions for violation of the Code ordered by the Discipline Committee may include suspensions from practices, from one or more games, from all practices and games for a specific period of time, from travel, and/or from MAYHA membership and its activities;
- In the event of my suspension for a period greater than four weeks from MAYHA membership, I may request, in writing, a review of such suspension by the Board of Directors of MAYHA, or by a Review Committee appointed by the Board, and that the decision of the Board or its Committee shall be final and binding.

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If player is under 18 years of age)

## Parents' Code of Conduct

I/we, the parents/guardians of a registered MAYHA player, promise and agree to:

- Read the Player Code of Conduct and assure that our player will uphold and obey the Code.
- Adhere to the imposition and review of discipline and/or suspension of the player for a violation of the Code.
- Promptly pay, or make and keep arrangements for the payment of fees, dues and charges for membership, ice time, travel costs and/or costs and amounts of restitution described above and assessed or charged to the player for Code violations.
- Help my child understand that MAYHA is a three-part program:
  - (1) House division play, which is equal and fair play regardless of ability
  - (2) Competitive division travel team play, which is competitive, and not necessarily equal ice time for the players in the Squirt through High School divisions, and
  - (3) Voluntary travel teams which will follow the objectives of the House Division policy
- Support the coach and assist where possible. I will not question the "coach's coaching" during or after practices and games. The same applies for questioning the referees during or after games. The practice of parents approaching a coach or referee immediately following a game to voice a complaint is strictly forbidden.
- Encourage and promote good sportsmanship through positive and encouraging comments. Negative or detrimental comments directed at coaches, players, referees, or other spectators are not acceptable. Obscene and/or disrespectful gestures will result in more severe penalties.

I/we also understand and agree to the following:

- If a parent has a problem, they should arrange a time to discuss the situation with the age group head coach or their team manager.
  - If a grievance is with the age group head coach, consult the Youth Hockey Director or Coaching Director
  - If a problem still persists, upon written request, the appropriate Discipline Committee (on-ice/off-ice) will get involved to resolve the problem.
- If this Code is not followed and a problem or altercation occurs involving a parent, the parent will appear before a Discipline Committee made up of the Youth Hockey Director, the Executive Director and the Youth Hockey Committee Chair. Possible consequences may include:
  - A written writing to the parent
  - A ban from Glacier Ice Rink for a week
  - A ban from the Glacier Ice Rink for the remainder of the year.
- Depending on the severity of the infraction, disciplinary process may include any of the above penalties. There is no requirement that the process start at or proceed at any particular step. The Discipline Committee may, at its discretion, determine the form of discipline appropriate to the facts and circumstances of the misconduct.
- It is the intent of MAYHA to provide a safe and healthy environment for all. Any action that conflicts with this intent, may lead to involvement of law enforcement and/or legal authorities.
- Reports of violations must be submitted in writing, signed and returned to the Discipline Committee. A sealed envelope addressed to the committee may be given to a coach, the Youth Hockey Director or a MAYHA Board member.

Parent Signature 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If player is under 18 years of age)