

### PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

### USA HOCKEY - PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- DO NOT FORCE your children to participate in sports but support their desires to play their chosen sports. 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 and celebrate major moments and accomplishments, and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize scores and stats."
- KNOW AND STUDY the rules of the game 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 the 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 about hockey—and volunteer.

# USA HOCKEY - ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Parents are expected to be a positive role model by treating all players, coaches, officials and fellow spectators with respect and support.

The game will be stopped by game officials when parents/ spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game 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. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

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

USA Hockey strongly recommends that each local youth hockey registered team designate a volunteer to serve as a parent/spectator monitor during all team games. This monitor will, ideally, address inappropriate spectator behavior prior to the situation escalating to the point it has an impact on the game. This designated monitor shall have the full support of the youth hockey association and the arena management to remove any spectator in violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy.



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The NH Selects has adopted USA Hockey's - Zero Tolerance Policy and will ask Team Managers to act as a parent/spectator monitor during all team games. Team Managers will report inappropriate behavior to the team Head Coach and Executive Director for further disciplinary action if warranted.

### NH SELECTS – PARENT | LEGAL GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Abusive language towards the players, coaches and on-ice officials will not be tolerated. Any
parent removed from the spectator's viewing and game area as a result of unsportsmanlike
actions as stated above in the zero-tolerance policy, will be required to appear before the NH
Selects disciplinary committee for review and potential discipline including, but not limited
to, verbal reprimand, suspension and/or dismissal from the association.

# PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN CONTRACT

Parent/Guardians will be required to abide by a "Parent / Legal Guardian Contract" which reads as follows:

- 1. Parents or guardians will actively encourage and support the principles of fair play at all times.
  - Respect the rules
  - Respect your opponents
  - Respect the officials and their decisions
  - Maintain self-control
- 2. Parents or guardians will ensure that their player regularly attends all practices and games. Contact the manager if unable to attend.
- 3. Parents, guardians, relatives, or friends are not allowed in the dressing room before or after games and practices unless given permission by the coaching staff.
- 4. Parents, guardians, relatives, or friends are not allowed behind or near the players' bench during games.
- 5. Parents or guardians are encouraged to support the team as a whole, not just their own player.
- 6. Parents or guardians will not criticize, embarrass, or heckle any player, including the opposition. Good plays by both teams should be recognized. Parents or guardians are encouraged to demonstrate good sportsmanship. Parents or guardians will refrain from banging on rink surfaces (glass, boards, etc.) when demonstrating displeasure with an official's call.
- 7. Parents or guardians shall not criticize the referees, particularly while attending games or in the presence or earshot of any players.
- 8. Parents or guardians shall not use abusive or foul language at any time in the rinks.
- 9. Parents or guardians shall leave the coaching to the coaching staff. Parents are not to encourage their players to play the game in a manner inconsistent with the team strategies or plans.



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- 10. Parents or guardians will communicate all and any concerns with the team manager first. The team manager will then discuss the issue with the coach. If necessary, the team manager will arrange a meeting with the coaching staff and the parents or guardians. The executive Director may also be contacted.
- 11. School takes precedence over hockey. The coaching staff will work in conjunction with the parents or guardians to maintain a positive school attitude/performance.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in supplementary discipline, including but not limited to, suspension from watching your children participate in NH Selects practice or competition, and/or dismissal from the association.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
NH Selects Representative	Date
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