

Fort Zumwalt North Hockey Club

Player Code of Conduct

Purpose

Participation in Fort Zumwalt North Hockey Club is a privilege, not a right. As members of this program, players represent their team, school, community, Mid-States Hockey Association, and USA Hockey. This code establishes expectations for conduct, accountability, and team culture.

1. Commitment to Team

- I will attend all practices, games, meetings, and team events unless excused by a coach.
- I will be on time and prepared, both physically and mentally.
- I understand that playing time is earned through effort, attitude, and performance.
- I will put team success ahead of personal stats, recognition, or ice time.

2. Effort & Work Ethic

- I will give full effort in every practice, game, and team activity.
- I will compete with intensity, discipline, and a team-first mindset.
- I will take responsibility for my development on and off the ice.

3. Respect & Sportsmanship

- I will respect teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and spectators at all times.
- I will not engage in taunting, trash talking, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- I will accept officials' decisions without argument.
- I understand that my behavior reflects on the entire program.

4. USA Hockey & Mid-States Compliance

- I will follow all USA Hockey and Mid-States Hockey Association rules and policies.
- I understand that penalties, suspensions, or misconducts may result in additional team discipline.
- I will play the game safely and within the rules at all times.

5. Locker Room & Team Environment

- I will contribute to a positive, inclusive, and respectful locker room.
- Bullying, hazing, harassment, or discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.
- I will respect team property, facilities, and equipment.
- I will clean up after myself and take pride in our shared spaces.

6. School & Academic Responsibility

- I will remain in good academic standing with my school.
- I understand that academic or school disciplinary issues may affect my eligibility to participate.

- I will represent my school with pride both on and off the ice.

7. Substance Use & Conduct

- I will not use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, or illegal drugs.
- I understand that violations may result in suspension or removal from the team.
- I will make responsible decisions that reflect positively on myself and the program.

8. Social Media & Public Behavior

- I will use social media responsibly and respectfully.
- I will not post or share content that is inappropriate, offensive, or damaging to the team, school, or program.
- I understand that online behavior is subject to the same expectations as in-person conduct.

9. Accountability & Discipline

- I understand that violations of this Code of Conduct may result in consequences, including but not limited to:
 - Verbal or written warnings
 - Reduced playing time
 - Suspension from practices or games
 - Removal from the team
- I accept responsibility for my actions and their impact on the team.

10. Leadership & Representation

- I will lead by example in effort, attitude, and behavior.
- I will support and encourage my teammates.
- I will represent Fort Zumwalt North Hockey with pride, class, and integrity at all times.

11. Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct

Parents, guardians, family members, and spectators play an important role in representing Fort Zumwalt North Hockey, the school, and the Mid-States Hockey Association. By supporting this program, I agree to:

- I will treat players, coaches, officials, opposing teams, parents, and spectators with respect at all times.
- I will not harass, intimidate, threaten, or verbally abuse officials, opposing players, coaches, parents, or spectators.
- I will not use profanity, offensive language, or engage in inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior at games, practices, or team events.
- I will support the coaches and allow them to coach the team without interference.
- I will respect the decisions of officials and understand that disagreements must be handled appropriately and respectfully.
- I understand that my conduct reflects directly on Fort Zumwalt North Hockey, my player's team, the school, and the Mid-States Hockey Association.

- I will promote good sportsmanship by encouraging positive behavior and setting a good example for all athletes.

Consequences

I understand that failure to follow this Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- Being asked to leave a practice, game, tournament, or team event immediately.
- Suspension from attending future team events.
- Additional disciplinary action by Fort Zumwalt North Hockey.
- Referral to and disciplinary action by the Mid-States Hockey Association, when applicable.
- Any other consequences deemed appropriate by the Club or Mid-States Hockey Association.

Parents and spectators are responsible for the conduct of all family members and guests attending on behalf of their player.

Acknowledgment & Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct including the Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to meet these expectations may result in disciplinary action.

Player Name (Printed): _____

Player Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____