



## **Parent Code of Conduct Policy**

This is the Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey Association (BBLHYHA) Parent Code of Conduct. This is in effect for all parents and guardians of participants in Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey Association (BBLHYHA). By registering your child to participate in BBLHYHA, you agree to adhere to this code of conduct. This policy applies to all regular season events and any camps or activities organized by BBLHYHA.

### **As a parent(s) of a BBLHYHA participant, I (we) agree to the following:**

- A. Participation in youth hockey is a privilege, not a right, for our child/children.
- B. Sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play are fundamental to the sport of hockey.
- C. As role models, parents must exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, team managers, referees, and other parents.

THEREFORE, we agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct Policy:

### **Rule 1: 24-Hour Rule**

No parent, legal guardian, or relative of any BBLHYHA player, in frustration or anger over ice time, player position, coaching decisions, or team status, may contact the coach, Level Director, or any member of the BBLHYHA Board of Directors for 24 hours after the event. This includes communication via email, phone, text message, written letters, or social media. After the 24-hour period, the parent/legal guardian may contact the Level Director if they choose to raise concerns. Failure to follow the 24-hour rule will result in sanctions by the BBLHYHA Board of Directors in accordance with our sanctioning guidelines.

### **Rule 2: Rink Evictions**

Parents who are evicted from any rink will be sanctioned by the BBLHYHA Board of Directors in accordance with our sanctioning guidelines.

### **Rule 3: Public Displays of Anger**

Parents who publicly express anger toward coaches in any arena or via email, phone, text, letter, or social media will be sanctioned by the BBLHYHA Board of Directors according to our sanctioning guidelines.

### **Rule 4: Public Displays of Anger Toward Others**

Parents who publicly display anger or engage in verbal or physical abuse toward referees, players, parents, or teams (including both BBLHYHA and opposing teams) will be sanctioned by the BBLHYHA Board of Directors under our sanctioning guidelines.

### **Rule 5: Sanctions for Violations**

If any of the above rules (1-4) are violated, sanctions will be as follows:

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- **First Offense:** Up to a two-week suspension from all BBLYHA events, including team activities, practices, games, and tournaments (home and away).
- **Second Offense:** A MINIMUM one-year suspension from all BBLYHA events, including team activities, practices, games, and tournaments.
- **Third Offense:** Permanent removal from the BBLYHA program. Based on the severity of the offense, the disciplinary action can be escalated to immediate removal from the BBLYHA program.

#### **Rule 6: Confidentiality and Cumulative Sanctions**

All inappropriate actions and sanctions will be kept confidential by the BBLYHA Board of Directors and will accumulate throughout the family's participation in BBLYHA. Sanctions may also be forwarded to District 10 and/or Minnesota Hockey for enforcement at away games and tournaments if necessary.

#### **Rule 7: Compliance with Sanctions**

If I fail to abide by the Parent Code of Conduct Policy, I understand that my child/children will be restricted from play for the duration set by the BBLYHA Board of Directors. All applicable fees will still apply during the sanction period.

#### **Rule 8: Adherence to Rules**

Parents agree to follow all rules set by USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, District 10, and BBLYHA. Any violation will be sanctioned by the BBLYHA Board of Directors in line with the sanctioning guidelines outlined in Rule 5.

#### **Rule 9: Enforcement of Violations**

The BBLYHA Board of Directors, or a designated committee, will enforce all violations. The individual(s) involved will be notified in writing after a disciplinary hearing, outlining the sanctions imposed. This will be done in a timely manner.

#### **Rule 10: Reporting Violations**

Any BBLYHA member who witnesses or is involved in a violation of the Parent Code of Conduct may bring the issue forward, following the 24-hour rule, to the Board of Directors by emailing the Level Director, President, and/or Vice President. Issues may also be submitted to the BBLYHA board through a formal grievance process.

#### **District 10 Code of Conduct – Zero-Tolerance Policy for District Scrimmages, Tournaments and games.**

District 10 strictly enforces a zero-tolerance policy to ensure a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during, and after all District 10 scrimmages, games, and tournaments. This policy applies to all players, coaches, officials, District 10 Board Members, Association Board Members, parents, and spectators.

Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Abusive behavior

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- Harassment or bullying
- Obscene language or gestures
- Verbal abuse
- Threats of or actual physical abuse

**Spectator Conduct:**

If a spectator's behavior becomes abusive and distracts from the game or incites players, the referee will stop the game, allowing the clock to continue running, until the spectator is removed from the arena. No additional time will be added to the game for the time lost due to this action.

\*All previous violations still stand under this updated code of conduct.

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