



Player Code of Conduct Policy

As a Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey Association (BBLHYA) player, I understand that it is a privilege, not a right, to participate in youth hockey. I recognize that sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play are essential aspects of the sport, and they are the most valuable skills I can gain from my involvement in youth hockey. This in effect for all participants in Becker Big Lake Youth Hockey Association (BBLHYA). By registering to participate in BBLHYA, you agree to adhere to this code of conduct. This policy applies to all regular season events and any camps or activities organized by BBLHYA.

This policy follows USA Hockey's Zero Tolerance Policy and requires adherence to the following:

1. **Team Commitment:**

Players must take pride in their team and contribute to team unity. Players are expected to strictly follow the coach's rules, support practice plans, game strategies, and other decisions. Participation in all games and practices is required unless a compelling reason is provided, such as illness, school activities, or religious commitments. Players must inform the coach or manager in advance if they will be absent and arrive at the rink by the appointed time set by the coach.

2. **Team Over Individual:**

Hockey is a team sport, and the interests of the team shall always take precedence over individual accomplishments or exploits.

3. **Respect for Others:**

No player should criticize a teammate, referee, coach, or opposing player. Only coaches or designated captains, under the coach's direction, may speak to officials.

4. **Conduct:**

Players are expected to conduct themselves respectfully at all times. Destructive or delinquent behavior, during or after a game or practice, will not be tolerated. Players must remain attentive when coaches explain drills, game strategies, or provide instructions.

5. **Sportsmanship and Safety:**

Players must never attempt to deliberately injure another player. Any player who receives a **MATCH penalty** for an "Attempt to Injure" or any other serious offense will be subject to further suspension, in addition to USA Hockey rules, as deemed appropriate by the BBLHYA Board. The Level Director must be notified of such incidents immediately.

6. **Substance Use and Weapons:**

All players must adhere to BBLHYA policies regarding the use of substances and possession of weapons.

Player Behavior Standards

There will be **ZERO tolerance** for abusive behavior. Harassment, obscene language or gestures, and any other forms of abuse directed at coaches, referees, officials, opponents, teammates, spectators, or association representatives will not be tolerated and will result in consequences.

Reporting Violations

Any BBLYHA member who witnesses or is involved in a violation of the Player Code of Conduct can report the issue, following the 24-hour rule, to the BBLYHA Board of Directors by emailing the Level Director, President, and/or Vice President. Issues may also be submitted to the BBLYHA Board through the online grievance form.

Consequences

As a BBLYHA player, I understand that my actions have consequences, which can sometimes be very serious. I acknowledge that BBLYHA follows the rules set by USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, and District 10. In situations that require more serious disciplinary actions, BBLYHA may need to follow Minnesota Hockey Article 6 protocols to resolve the matter.

I agree to treat my fellow teammates, BBLYHA coaches, representatives, referees, and other association members with respect and to follow this Code of Conduct throughout my participation in BBLYHA.

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

Reviewer	Status	Notes
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