



Rockford RoadRunners Hockey Club
Parent Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to assume certain responsibilities as a member of the Rockford RoadRunners Hockey Club. I will adhere to the Parent Code of Conduct in the following ways:

A. I will display appropriate behavior.

- I understand and will strictly abide by the USA Hockey Code of Conduct, AHAI Code of Conduct / Zero Tolerance Policy, any rules put in place by leagues that RHC teams play in, and any and all tournament rules.
- I will abide by any rules and policies set forth by the Rockford Hockey Club Board of Directors and Rules and Ethics Committee.
- I will treat all coaches, players, parents, opponents, opposing fans, and officials with respect and dignity at every game, practice, in the locker room, and at any RHC activity or youth hockey event.
- I will not boo, make negative gestures or use profanity and/or inappropriate language or gestures towards ANYONE.
- I understand that this is just a game and will treat it as such when an alleged mistake is made, on the ice or on the bench.
- I will adhere to the RHC Social Media Policy.
- I will respect the property of others at all times. Any damage to a rink or other personal or public property while at any RHC related activity will result in my player being suspended until resolution is made.
- I will abide by the "24 hour rule" in discussing any game or practice with a Coach, Asst. Coach, or Manager. I recognize that my player's coaches, managers and Club Personnel are responsible for developing team play, as well as individual player skills. Discussions with any of the above will be done in private after the "24 hour rule".
- I understand that no parent of a player is permitted in the locker room unless they are designated as a locker room attendant and have completed the required background checks and SafeSport coursework.
- I understand that no parent is permitted on the ice at any time, unless a medical emergency exists, and an official summons them.
- **Zero Tolerance Violators** will be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:
 - Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at anytime.



- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, banging on the glass, ridiculing, threats of physical violence or physical violence.
 - Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, player's bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.
 - If I am asked to leave any game by a Referee/Official of the game, this action will result in an automatic additional three (3) game suspension, no appeal to AHAI and no questions asked. Additional offenses will result in further actions to your player's eligibility of play as well. At the end of a game, at no time can a Parent/Spectator or Player approach an Official to question the call of a game. This is an AHAI violation and carries an automatic three (3) game suspension and may result in further actions for the related player as well.
- B. I will lead by example.
- I will encourage all around me to show good sportsmanship and positive support for all coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and officials at every game, practice, RHC activity, or youth hockey event.
 - I understand the importance of setting a good example for my child as children are influenced by those around them.
 - I will allow the coaches to coach and respect the role of the coaches. I will refrain from "coaching from the stands" and "coaching in the car".
 - I will read the rules of hockey and encourage my child to play by the rules.
- C. I will act responsibly and do my best to do the following:
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a "win at all costs" attitude. I will help to create an environment that builds a culture where winning is not defined by the outcome of a competition, but by the individual needs of the children. I understand that children are born with different abilities and that it is not important how my child compares to others, but that he/she is given the opportunity to display their personal best.
 - I will do my best to assure that my child gets to practices and games at the time the coaches have requested. I understand that my child needs to be on time to assure adequate preparation and that arriving late can result in loss of game time.
 - I understand that the game is for the players, not the adults, and will keep that in perspective.



- I will be available to pick my child up from off ice or practice if they violate any team rules or have any behavior that requires their removal.
- I will volunteer for RHC activities that support the community and fundraising initiatives.

I understand that Coaches have the authority to bench any player for any part of the game or future game, for open personal criticism of teammates, coaches, or referees; abusive or obscene language; unsportsmanlike conduct; anger; fighting; and conduct unbecoming a player, regardless of any action taken by game officials.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this contract, I, ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY, acknowledge that I have read, understand, and will adhere to the responsibilities contained herein. If found to violate these policies, I will abide by and adhere to the decisions of the Rockford Hockey Club as represented by its Board of Directors and Rules and Ethics Committee with respect to any suspension, expulsion or penalties that may result.

Player Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Date:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature