

Rockford Area High School Hockey Parent Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to assume specific responsibilities as a Rockford Area High School Hockey member. 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 RAHSH teams play in, and any tournament rules.
- I will abide by any rules and policies set forth by the RAHSH 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, locker room, and RAHSH activity or youth hockey event.
- I will not boo, make hostile gestures or use profanity and inappropriate language or gestures towards ANYONE.
- I will adhere to the RAHSH 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 participating in any RAHSH-related activity will suspend my player until a resolution is made.
- I will abide by the “24-hour rule” when discussing any game or practice with a Coach, Assistant Coach, or Manager. 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 the following:
 - Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner.
 - Taunting of players, coaches, officials, or other spectators using baiting, banging on the glass, ridiculing, threats of physical violence, or physical violence.
 - Throwing of any object in the spectator's viewing area, player's bench, penalty box, or on the ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.
- If I am asked to leave any game by a Referee/Official, this action will result in an automatic additional three (3) game suspension, no appeal to AHAI, and no questions asked. Additional offenses will also result in further actions to your player's eligibility for play. At the end of a game, at no time can a Parent/Spectator or Player approach an Official to question the game's call. This AHAI violation carries an automatic three (3) game suspension, which may also result in further actions for the related player.

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, RAHSH activity, or youth hockey event.
- I understand the importance of setting a good example for my child as those around them influence children.
- I will allow the coaches to coach and respect their role. I will refrain from “coaching from the stands” and “coaching in the car.”

C. I will act responsibly and do my best to do the following:

- I will do my best to ensure 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 ensure adequate preparation and that arriving late can result in losing game time.
- I understand that the game is for the players, not the adults, and I will keep that in perspective.
- I will be available to pick my child up from off-ice or practice if they violate team rules or exhibit any behavior requiring their removal.
- I will volunteer for RAHSH 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 games for open personal criticism of teammates, coaches, or referees, abusive or obscene language, unsportsmanlike conduct, anger, fighting, or 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 comply with the decisions of the RAHSH as represented by its Board of Directors and Rules and Ethics Committee concerning any suspension, expulsion, or penalties that may result.

Player Name (Print)

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature