

CIHA PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The intent of this policy is to follow the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy and adhere to:

1. To take pride in their team and contribute to the team's unity. To adhere strictly to the coach's rules and be supportive of the coach's practice plans, game plans, and other decisions. To participate in all games and practices unless there is a compelling reason for missing. To notify the coach or manager in advance when they must miss. A reason such as religion class, school activity, illness, etc. must also be given. To be at the rink by the appointed time as set by the coach.
2. Hockey is recognized as a team sport; as such the interests of the team shall take precedence over individual exploits.
3. No player shall criticize another teammate's play. No player shall criticize referees, coaches or opposing players. The only individuals who may speak to officials are the coaches and /or designated captains under the instructions of their coaches.
4. All players are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner. Destructive or delinquent behavior, during or after a game or practice, will not be tolerated. To be attentive when coaches explain practices drills, game strategies, or passes along other information or instructions.
5. No attempt should be made to deliberately injure another player(s). Any player incurring a MATCH penalty for "Attempt to Injure" or other offense deemed equally serious by the coach shall be subject to suspension beyond the USA HOCKEY rules as deemed appropriate by the CIHA Board. The level director will be notified as soon as possible of the incident.
6. All players will adhere to the CIHA policies regarding Substance Use and Weapons.

Player Behavior Specifics

There will be ZERO tolerance of abusive behavior. Harassment, obscene language or gestures, and other behavior deemed to be abusive directed toward coaches, referees, minor officials, opponents, teammates, spectators or association officials will not be tolerated and will have the following consequences:

First Offense: The player will be verbally warned by the coach with the parent and level director notified.

Second Offense: The player will be removed from the game, practice or other team event. In the case of a game or practice the player will be required to leave the premises and will be warned in writing and the level director notified as soon as possible.

Third Offense: The player will be removed from the team pending a meeting with the CIHA Board. Penalties will range from a three game suspension to removal from the team for the remainder of the season.

Any player misconduct not specifically alluded to above will be dealt with on an individual basis by the CIHA Board.