



## Houston Junior Aeros Hockey Association, Inc.

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### Anti-Weapons Policy

The Houston Junior Aeros Hockey Association, Inc. (the "Junior Aeros"), as an active participant in USA Hockey, has adopted the following Anti-Weapons Policy in order to help ensure a safe environment for its players.

In furtherance of this goal, the Junior Aeros has adopted the following guidelines in an effort to minimize the risk of the presence of weapons:

- For purposes of this Policy, a weapon is defined as, but not limited to, the following: any firearm, dagger, knife or pocket knife, iron bar, brass knuckles, or any such other item that could be used to harass, intimidate, or injure another individual.
- At no time shall a player possess on his/her person (which includes such person's purse, backpack, hockey bag, etc.) any of the aforementioned weapons during or at any event associated with the Junior Aeros. This includes, but is not limited to team:
  - practices;
  - games; or
  - sponsored functions such as fundraisers or team gatherings.

Any possession or use of the above-reference weapons by any Junior Aeros player will not be tolerated, is considered a violation of this Policy. The penalty for possession or use of any of the aforementioned items includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- confiscation of the weapon;
- immediate removal of the offending party from the team practice, game or event;
- suspension for one or more practices or games; suspension from the Junior Aeros for the remainder of the hockey season; or any other such other suspension or sanction as may be deemed appropriate by the Junior Aeros Board; and/or
- referral to law enforcement authorities.

The decision as to the severity of the suspension (i.e. brandishing the weapon in a threatening manner v possession) will be taken to the Junior Aeros Board for review and punitive recommendation.

Reports of any actual or suspected infractions or violations of this Policy may be reported to the **Junior Aeros SafeSport Representative** as set forth on the Junior Aeros's website or to **USA Hockey** at **SafeSport@usahockey.org** or **1-800-888-4656**.