

ICECATS HOCKEY CLUB PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Athlete's Name_____Date_____

The IceCats Hockey Club CODE OF CONDUCT for all ice hockey players has been adopted by the IceCats Hockey Club. Our entire organization is committed to enforcing the Code of Conduct. Participation in IceCats Hockey is a privilege.

- I agree to give my best effort on and off the ice. I will remember that winning isn't everything and that having fun, improving my hockey skills, and doing my best are most important.
- I will control my temper at all times and refrain from bad play behaviors such as banging my stick, trash-talking and hot-dogging.
- I agree that there is no place for violent or overly aggressive play in hockey, where the obvious intent is to injure or harm another player.
- I will conduct myself in a respectful manner and hold myself accountable at all times when representing my team and the IceCats Hockey Club at any games or events.
- I will not use vulgar or profane language, racial, ethnic, or gender-related slurs toward teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, or spectators.
- I will be a true team player, support my teammates, and treat all my teammates equally.
- I will respect my coaches, administration, officials, teammates, parents, opponents, or spectators.
- I will accept the decisions of the coach and any officials. I will never argue with a coach or official's decision.
- I realize that I am responsible for my own equipment. I will also respect other's belongings and the facility in which I play, and I will leave the locker room in an orderly condition.
- I agree not to endanger or create any safety hazards to others by throwing or shooting any objects on the ice or outside the playing surface or bench area.
- I will abide by the rules of USA Hockey in the spirit of the game. Any player who receives an excessive number of major penalties (penalties involving suspension by AHA or USA Hockey) will be subject to further disciplinary action by the IceCats Hockey Club's Board of Directors.
- I will abide by the rules of Illinois School District 128 as described in the district's code of conduct. Any player facing disciplinary action by the school district, Libertyville High School, and/or Vernon Hills High School will be subject to further disciplinary action by the IceCats Hockey Club's Board of Directors.
- I agree to abide by all rules set forth in USA Hockey's Zero Tolerance Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy
- Any Player or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action by the IceCats Hockey Club's Board of Directors.

Suspensions will be levied by the IceCats coaching staff or the IceCats Rules and Ethics Committee.

FIRST OFFENSE – The first Code of Conduct violation of a player is subject to a one-game suspension unless the IceCats Rules and Ethics committee chooses to levy harsher penalties based on severity of the infraction.

SECOND OFFENSE – The second violation of the Code of Conduct by the player is subject to a three-game suspension unless the IceCats Rules and Ethics committee chooses to levy harsher penalties based on severity of the infraction.

THIRD OFFENSE – The third violation of the Code of Conduct by the player is subject to removal of the player from team for the remainder of the school year.

APPEAL PROCESS

An athlete may appeal the suspension in writing to the Board of Directors Rules and Ethics Committee. The appeal must be made within (3) three school days of the suspension. The appeal will be reviewed within (5) five school days of receiving the appeal and the results of the appeal will be communicated to the parent/guardian and player. The decision of the board is final.

Your signature, as a student athlete, on this form indicates that you understand and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and philosophy.

Athlete's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Your signature, as a parent/guardian, means that you have read and understand the possible penalties of a violation and acknowledge that such penalties do not waive your financial obligation to IceCats Hockey Club. Any infraction hereafter will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____