



COLORADO SPRINGS AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Colorado Safer Youth Sports Act Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Code of Conduct 2026-2027

Youth sports exist for the development and enjoyment of young athletes. As a parent or guardian, your words and actions significantly impact the experience of all participants, including players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators. To foster a positive and respectful environment, all parents and guardians agree to uphold the following Code of Conduct:

Commitment to Respect and Positive Behavior

As a parent or guardian of a participant in Colorado Springs Amateur Hockey Association, I commit to:

- Encouraging my child to respect coaches, teammates, officials, opponents, and spectators.
- Promoting sportsmanship and teamwork, emphasizing effort and enjoyment over winning.
- Refraining from using foul language, inappropriate gestures, or disrespectful behavior at any program event or facility.
- It is important to recognize that coaches dedicate significant time and effort to the players and show appreciation for their work.
- Communicating any concerns constructively with coaches at an appropriate time and place (e.g., following a 24-hour cooldown period after a game or event).
- Any adult who observes or suspects child abuse is encouraged to report it to SafeSport (<https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>) and 844-CO-4-KIDS. Coaches as Mandatory Reporters are required to. If you see something, please say something and feel empowered to intervene and keep children safe. This includes actions that are physical, emotional, sexual, and neglectful abuse. You do not need eyewitness evidence to report.

Game Day and Practice Conduct

To ensure a positive experience for all participants, I will:

- Applaud effort, sportsmanship, and skill.
- Remain at least two yards from the playing field to allow players room to compete safely.



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- Never coach from the sidelines or interfere with the coach's instructions.
- Respect officials and their decisions, avoiding arguments, criticism, or confrontational behavior.
- Ensure that my child arrives prepared to participate in practices and games on time.
- Refrain from engaging in physical or verbal altercations with anyone at program events.

Prohibited Conduct

The following behaviors are strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action:

- Use of abusive, profane, or inappropriate language at any event organized by, in support of, or affiliated with Colorado Springs Amateur Hockey Association, any member association of the Colorado Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) or any CAHA itself including but not limited to practices, games, tournaments, team meetings, fundraising events, banquets, or any other official gathering. This also applies to behavior within any Colorado Springs Amateur Hockey Association or partner facility.
- Engaging in or encouraging unsportsmanlike behavior, including taunting, intimidation, or harassment.
- Consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any program-related event or facility.
- Providing or offering illegal substances, including alcohol, marijuana, and nicotine (including vaping), to any athlete at any program event or facility.
- An athlete may not be given over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs, or supplements without prior parental/guardian consent.
- Engaging in any actions that could jeopardize the safety or well-being of a child or any other participant.

Compliance and Accountability

I acknowledge that:

- Any parent or spectator who fails to adhere to this Code of Conduct may be required to leave the event, and play may be suspended until compliance is restored.



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- Colorado Springs Amateur Hockey Association and CAHA reserve the right to suspend or remove any player whose parent or guardian engages in persistent or extreme misconduct. No refunds will be issued in such cases.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for the conduct of guests they bring to events and must ensure that guests understand and follow these expectations.

By signing below, I agree to abide by this Parent Code of Conduct and ensure a positive, safe, and respectful environment for all participants in Colorado Springs Amateur Hockey Association.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____