

OPRF Huskies Hockey Club Member Code of Conduct

Being part of the OPRF Hockey Club—as a player or parent/guardian—is a privilege that comes with the responsibility to uphold the values of respect, integrity, and community, both on and off the ice. This Code of Conduct applies to players and parents/guardians as described throughout.

Parent/Guardian

General Expectations

Parents/guardians are expected to:

- Model **high standards of behavior** at all times—at games, practices, events, online, and in the community.
- Show **respect** toward coaches, players (including one's own), officials, fellow parents/guardians, opposing teams' coaches, players, and spectators.
- **Support the coaching staff** and their decisions regarding team strategy, player development, and discipline.
- **Promote a positive environment** that emphasizes effort, growth, and good sportsmanship.
- Follow all rules, policies, and expectations set forth by:
 - **OPRF Huskies Hockey Club**
 - **Oak Park River Forest High School**
 - **Current High School Hockey League (Ex. IHSHL-West)**
 - **Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA)**
 - **USA Hockey**

Prohibited Conduct

Parent/guardian violations that may lead to consequences include, but are not limited to:

- Prohibited conduct includes any behavior—online or in-person—that **undermines the values of the club, reflects negatively on the club, or violates expectations** listed in this or the Player Code of Conduct.
- **Disruptive or aggressive behavior** at games, practices, or other club activities, including confrontations with coaches, officials, players, other parents/guardians or spectators.
- **Use of inappropriate or abusive language**, whether in person or online.
- **Public criticism** of coaches, officials, players (including one's own), other club members, the Board, or club decisions
- **Harassment, intimidation, or bullying** of any kind—verbal, physical, or cyber.
- **Misuse of social media** that reflects poorly on any teams, players, families, clubs, leagues, or the sport.
- **Encouraging or enabling behavior** that violates the Player Code of Conduct.

Disciplinary Process

If a parent/guardian is found to be in violation of this Code of Conduct:

1. The President of the OPRF Hockey Club will consult with the Board representative on the Rules and Ethics Committee to determine whether full committee involvement is necessary.
2. If the Rules and Ethics Committee is convened, within two (2) days or as soon as is reasonably practicable, the committee will determine whether or not there is the need to gather additional information. In the event there is the need to gather additional information the committee will determine and communicate via email whether or not the parent/guardian can participate in team events including attendance at games and practices and other club activities prior to the committee's final determination.
3. As quickly as is reasonably practicable, the committee will review and evaluate the nature and severity of the violation in order to determine an appropriate recommendation or consequence and/or take further action if deemed necessary or advisable. The committee may, but is not required to request a meeting with the parent/guardian.
4. **Possible consequences** may include:
 - Verbal or written warning
 - Temporary suspension from attending team events including games and practices and/or club activities (by percentage or duration)
 - Season suspension, up to and including expulsion of the parent/guardian, and depending on the facts presented may also result in the expulsion of the parent's/guardian's player from the club
5. All decisions involving the Rules and Ethics Committee will be communicated by the committee via email within **two (2)** days of their determination.

Confidentiality: All matters related to activities of the committee, including disciplinary investigations and decisions will be handled confidentially. Members of the Rules and Ethics Committee, club officials, and any individuals involved are expected to maintain this confidentiality, exercise discretion and not disclose any details of the investigation, findings, or outcomes beyond those with a legitimate need to know.

Appeals Process

Appeals must meet the following criteria:

- **Submit in writing, via email or hand delivery, by the parent/guardian to the President of the OPRF Hockey Club** within **three (3) days** of receiving the committee's written decision.
- Appeals must include **new or extenuating information** not previously available. Appeals that do not include new or extenuating information not previously available (as determined in the committee's reasonable discretion) shall not be considered by the committee.

The Rules and Ethics Committee will:

- Review the appeal and may, but is not required to, request a meeting with the parent/guardian.
- Decide to:
 - Uphold the original determination
 - Modify the recommendation or consequence
 - Remove the recommendation or consequence

During the appeal process, the parent/guardian may **not attend** team events including games and practices and other club activities.

The decision following the appeal is **final**.

Precedence of Club Member Code of Conduct for Players and Parents/Guardians

In the event of any conflict between the Club Member Code of Conduct for players and parents/guardians and the OPRFHC Bylaws or any other club documents, the Club Member Code of Conduct shall prevail with respect to matters of player and parent/guardian behavior, disciplinary processes, and appeals procedures. The Board of Directors retains the authority to enforce this Club Member Code of Conduct for players and parents/guardians as a governing policy superseding any related or contradictory language in the Bylaws or other documents.

Acknowledgment

All players and parents/guardians must sign the **OPRF Hockey Club Consent to Policies** form to confirm understanding and acceptance of the Club Code of Conduct.

_____ **Player (Print Name)**

_____ **Parent/Guardian (Print Name)**

_____ **Parent/Guardian (Signature)**

_____ **Date**