

## RED LAKE FALLS BLUE LINE CLUB PLAYER'S RULES

As a member of the Red Lake Falls Blue Line Club Youth Hockey Association you represent our teams, association, and our community at practices, games and tournaments. The association expects you to conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner and to observe the following Player Rules and abide by the attached code of conduct.

1. Respect coaches, officials, spectators, teammates, and opponents at all times.
2. Respect the judgment of game officials. Do not argue an official's decision on or off the ice.  
**Zero Tolerance** as outlined by **USA Hockey** will be the rule.
3. Learn the rules and play by them.
4. Display appropriate behavior; abusive language or the use of profanity on the ice, the bench, in the locker room or anywhere else in the arena is strictly forbidden
5. Be a team player - get along with your teammates. Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline. Work hard to improve your skills.
6. Respect other players' property and equipment as well as your own. Make necessary repairs to your equipment well in advance of scheduled practices and games. Uniforms should be kept clean and well repaired.
7. Respect the rink and Dryland training facility. Obey all local rules that may apply. Report any violations or damages to the appropriate authority.
8. A player shall not use or be in possession of; alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or any illegal or non-prescription drugs or drug paraphernalia.
9. The "Rules of Hockey" as well as the established regulations published by USA Hockey and RLF BLC shall govern play. **ANY** game misconduct or match penalty will result in a next game suspension, as well as a referral to the associations Policy Board for any further action. In addition, any player who accumulates **three (3) misconduct penalties** during the course of the season, including and especially checking from behind, or who in the judgment of the coaches or the Policy Board accumulates excessive penalty minutes, will be required to appear, along with a parent or guardian, before the Policy Board.
10. I understand that winning is important, but it is secondary to the development of skills as well as discipline, good work ethic, sportsmanship, and physical/emotional health.
11. Be on time for practices and games, as directed by your coach.
12. Play to have fun. Your team management, i.e. coaches or manager, when appropriate, should handle minor infractions regarding these rules. Major infractions and any other infractions that cannot be handled at the team level must be reported to the Policy Board.

*To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.*

## RED LAKE FALLS BLUE LINE CLUB HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DISCIPLINARY CODE

In addition to the Code of Conduct the following provisions apply to all members of our Association, including players, parents, and coaches:

1. Any deliberate abuse of equipment, buildings, or rink facilities at home or on the road is forbidden. Persons guilty of causing damage will be charged repairs or replacement costs. Game/games suspension in addition to monetary charges will be enforced.
2. At no time is a person authorized to take, hide, steal, or abuse equipment belonging to another person. This includes placing another person's equipment in the trash containers, toilets, urinals, or any other similar type areas or using another's equipment for personal use without permission.
3. All persons connected with this program, without exception, will whenever in contact with persons inside or outside of this program maintain a quality image for the Association and the sport of hockey.

4. All members of the Association will display sportsmanlike attitudes and behavior toward all other persons connected with the sport of hockey. This applies to both on-ice and off-ice activities.
5. Failure to attend scheduled practices without excuse or notification of the coach is subject to disciplinary action. This applies to excessive tardiness.
6. Players, coaches, and game officials are the only personnel allowed in the locker rooms before, during, or after a game except in the case of an injury or where specific assistance is required to dress. This also applies to players when not specifically assigned to a locker room.
7. All penalties issued will be in accordance to USA Hockey rules. Additional suspensions by the Policy Board will be assessed in the following order:

### **Misconduct**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Misconduct - Per USA Hockey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Misconduct - Per USA Hockey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Misconduct - USA Hockey plus an additional 1 game suspension
- 4<sup>th</sup> Misconduct - USA Hockey plus an additional 3 game suspension
- 5<sup>th</sup> Misconduct - USA Hockey plus an additional 5 game suspension
- Any Further Misconduct penalties will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. If less than 5 games remain in the current season a three game suspension will carry into the following hockey season.

NOTE: Any Misconduct penalty that becomes a Game Misconduct will be treated as the Game Misconduct penalty.

### **Game Misconduct**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Game Misconduct - Mandatory 1 game suspension per USA Hockey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Game Misconduct - Mandatory 1 game per USA Hockey plus 1 additional game per BLC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Game Misconduct - Mandatory 1 game per USA Hockey plus 3 additional games per BLC
- Any Further Game Misconduct penalties will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. If less than 5 games remain in the current season a three game suspension will carry into the following hockey season.

NOTE: Any player receiving 5 penalties in one game will be issued a Game Misconduct penalty per USA Hockey. Team coaches will be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty if the team receives 15 penalties during the course of a game per USA Hockey.

### **Match Penalty**

- Per USA Hockey Rule 405 (c) Player or team official receiving the Match Penalty is not allowed to participate until review of the penalty by the Policy Board (Maximum 30 days).

### **Excessive Penalty Minutes**

- Any player receiving an average of three penalties per game over any five game period will be required to appear before the Policy Board with a parent and coach to determine further disciplinary action.