

Duluth Amateur Hockey Association Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a parent or legal guardian of a Duluth Amateur Hockey Association (DAHA) youth hockey player, I agree:

1. Parents should make sure all fees and assessments are paid on time as indicated by the team manager and/or Board.
2. Parents must turn in all necessary forms (e.g., birth certificates) promptly.
3. Parents must equip their players properly so they can participate in all practices, scrimmages and games.
4. Parents should keep abreast of all information pertinent to their player's team.
5. Parents should notify the head coach in advance when their player cannot make a scrimmage or game, stating the reason.
6. Parents will encourage good sportsmanship through their actions by demonstrating positive support for all players, parents, coaches and officials at every game and practice.
7. Parents will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of all the skaters, ahead of any personal desire to win or any personal-reflected glory. This includes, but is not limited to, providing support for coaches, officials and all others, providing a positive experience.
8. Parents need to remember that the game is for the players and not for the parents and win or lose, will appreciate the efforts of all players and coaching staff.
9. Parents will treat all other parents, players, coaches and officials with respect, including attitude, language and mannerisms.
10. Parents will inform the coach of any physical or medical ailment that may affect the safety of their player or any other player.
11. No parent/legal guardian or other relative of any DAHA player, in a fit of frustration or anger, shall contact the Coach, Assistant Coaches, Association Board, or any member of the DAHA Board of Directors, regarding a player's ice time, position, game time or practice time discipline, coach's strategy decisions regarding a player, and/or a player's team selection/status during try-outs, until 24 hours have expired from the incident in question. This 24-hour waiting period applies to any communication whether in-person, or via email, phone call, text message, written/typed letter or any means of social media. After 24 hours have passed from the conclusion of said event or incident, the parent/legal guardian is to contact the Coach with the issue if the parent/legal guardian decides. If communication with the Coach is not possible, or not advisable due to extenuating circumstances, contact the appropriate DAHA staff or Association Board is advised. If such an event or incident occurs, and the 24-hour rule is not followed by the parent/legal guardian, the parent/legal guardian will be sanctioned by the DAHA Board of Directors. In situations involving safety concerns, or the need to report issues of abuse, harassment, bullying, or other misconduct, including possible SafeSport violations, the 24-hour rule does not apply, and the DAHA or Association Board should be contacted immediately.
12. Parents are not allowed to physically, emotionally or psychologically abuse any other parent, player, coach, game official, volunteer, staff, or directors.
13. Parents/Guardians agree to abide by all the rules set forth by USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, District 11 and the Duluth Amateur Hockey Association. Violations will be sanctioned by the DAHA Board of Directors in accordance with the Leveled Discipline Policy.

LEVELED DISCIPLINE POLICY: If any occurrence takes place as detailed above the sanctions will be as follows:

FIRST OFFENSE: there will be a MINIMUM two-week suspension from ALL USA Hockey sponsored events, including team events, home and away practices, games and tournaments.

SECOND OFFENSE: will result in a MINIMUM one-month suspension from ALL USA Hockey sponsored events, including team events, home and away practices, games and tournaments.

THIRD OFFENSE: will result in a MINIMUM one calendar year suspension from ALL USA Hockey sponsored events, including team events, home and away practices, games and tournaments.

FOURTH OFFENSE: will result in the parent/guardian and/or players being considered "a member not in good standing."

At any time, due to the severity of the said offenses, the disciplinary action can be elevated from the leveled discipline matrix in this section.

Any suspension will start as quickly as possible after a discussion between the appropriate DAHA Board Member(s) and the involved parent(s) or guardian(s) and/or after any applicable hearing process is completed.

The DAHA Board of Directors, or any committee appointed by the DAHA Board of Directors, will enforce all violations and notify the individual(s) in writing, after any applicable disciplinary hearing, outlining the sanction that is being set forth. This will be done in a timely manner.

All conduct determined to be in violation of the Parent Code of Conduct, and resulting sanctions will, to the extent possible, be maintained in confidence by the DAHA Board of Directors and be cumulative throughout the families' participation in DAHA. If appropriate, all sanctions will be forwarded to Minnesota Hockey and District 11 for enforcement at any away games and tournaments.

Failure to sign and follow the code of conduct will result in an incomplete registration status for tryouts and the start of the season.

Parent / Guardian #1 Printed Name

Parent / Guardian #1 Signature

Date Signed: _____

Parent / Guardian #2 Printed Name

Parent / Guardian #2 Signature

Date Signed: _____