

## Acknowledgment of USA Hockey SafeSport Policies

USA Hockey is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for its participants' physical, emotional, and social development and ensuring it promotes an environment free from abuse and misconduct. To help create a safe environment, USA Hockey has adopted a SafeSport Program containing policies and procedures applicable to its programs. As the national governing body for ice hockey as designated by the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee ("USOPC") under the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, USA Hockey is subject to the requirements of the USOPC, the U.S. Center for SafeSport ("Center for SafeSport"), and federal law, including the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017 (the "SafeSport Authorization Act").

Accordingly, by virtue of such person's registration for membership, each member of USA Hockey agrees to abide and be subject to (1) the SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement (the "SafeSport Code") as adopted by the Center for SafeSport, (2) all requirements of the SafeSport Authorization Act, and (3) all USA Hockey SafeSport Policies as set forth in the USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook as may be amended or modified from time to time. Each member of USA Hockey shall also be subject (a) to the jurisdiction of the Center for SafeSport with respect to the investigation and resolution of allegations that such person may have violated (i) the sexual abuse and other misconduct policies of the Center for SafeSport, (ii) allegations of retaliation related to SafeSport, (iii) violations of the federal criminal law involving child abuse or exploitation or sexual abuse or misconduct, and (iv) violations of the SafeSport Code; and (b) to the jurisdiction of USA Hockey with respect to any other allegations that such person may have violated USA Hockey's SafeSport Program and that are not under the jurisdiction of or addressed by the Center for SafeSport.

The SafeSport Code may be found at [www.uscenterforsafesport.org](http://www.uscenterforsafesport.org). According to the SafeSport Code, all members of USA Hockey are required to comply with the SafeSport Code, the policies and procedures outlined therein, the USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook and the information and materials regarding SafeSport Training. The USA Hockey SafeSport Program may be found at [www.usahockey.com/safesportprogram](http://www.usahockey.com/safesportprogram). As a member of USA Hockey, you are encouraged to review all SafeSport Program materials and information available at USA Hockey's website.

### **Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policies**

The USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook contains Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policies adopted by the Center for SafeSport and as applied to USA Hockey Programs, and also includes other policies, procedures and requirements that USA Hockey considers important to its mission to provide a safe environment within USA Hockey programs. These policies include prohibitions on one-on-one interactions between minor age participants

and (i) adult members of USA Hockey who have regular contact with minor Participants, (ii) any adult authorized by USA Hockey or a member program to have regular contact with or authority over minor Participants, and (iii) any adult staff or board members of USA Hockey or a member program. These policies apply in areas or situations with an increased risk of abuse or misconduct, including prohibitions or specific requirements on one-on-one interactions between adults and minors in locker rooms, electronic communications, during travel to and from practices or games and during overnight team travel, in meetings or individual training sessions, and in out-of-program interactions.

To best protect athletes from abuse or misconduct in our sport, it is critical that parents of minor athletes are familiar with the policies of USA Hockey and monitor to help ensure that interactions between their children and adults in USA Hockey programs are in compliance with the rules and regulations for those interactions. USA Hockey strongly encourages parents to make their children aware of the USA Hockey SafeSport Program policies concerning interactions between adults and minors. Parents should not permit their children to participate in activities that are not in compliance with USA Hockey SafeSport Policies. Parents should, and all adult members of USA Hockey are required to, report violations of the USA Hockey SafeSport Program policies as set forth in the USA Hockey SafeSport Program Handbook.

### **SafeSport Training**

Many persons and players that are members of USA Hockey are required by federal law and/or the USOPC, the Center for SafeSport or USA Hockey, to complete SafeSport Training as a condition of their participation in the USA Hockey program. Even if you are not required to complete SafeSport Training, you are eligible to do so and to access USA Hockey SafeSport Training free of charge. Information on USA Hockey SafeSport Training, including how to access it, may be found at [www.usahockey.com/safesporttraining](http://www.usahockey.com/safesporttraining).

United States federal law and the Center for SafeSport require that all adults who have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes must complete SafeSport Training. This includes all coaches and officials, and all administrators, volunteers and employees USA Hockey that have regular contact with or authority over minor age hockey players. In some USA Hockey age classifications, there may be both adult age (18 and over) and minor age hockey players permitted on the same team. Where those players that are or will become adults during the season will have regular access to minors and are required to complete SafeSport Training. To comply with law and to avoid being required to remove players from a team in the middle of a season, USA Hockey also requires that players and officials 17 years old during this season (all players/officials born in 2003) must also complete SafeSport Training. Accordingly, all players and officials born in 2003 or earlier must complete SafeSport Training prior to being permitted to participate or be on a roster in any Youth, Girls, High School, Junior, Disabled and Flex hockey classifications.

**Because some players and officials required to complete SafeSport Training are still minors at the time the training is required, USA Hockey is required to obtain parental**

**consent for them to complete SafeSport Training. If your child is under 18 years of age at the time of this registration, then your signature below constitutes your permission for your child to complete SafeSport Training.**

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_