



Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Policy

This policy is adapted from the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Parent's Code of Conduct.

As a parent/legal guardian of a St. Michael-Albertville Youth Hockey Association (STMAYHA) participant, I agree:

- That it is a privilege, not a right, for my child/children to play youth hockey.
- That sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play are essential to the sport of hockey, and as such are the most important skills that my child/children can gain from being involved in youth hockey.
- That because my child/children learn from my example, I need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, team managers, referees, and parents.
- By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, my child/children will benefit.

Further, I pledge to abide by the following Code of Conduct Policy:

1. **Encourage my child to play by the rules and support STMAYHA's Player Code of Conduct.**
2. **Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit youth players.**
3. **Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches.** They are essential to STMAYHA and important to player development. Communicate respectfully with and support all rules, guidelines, and expectations set forth by them.
4. **Observe the 24-hour rule:** No parent/legal guardian, or relative of any STMAYHA player, in a fit of frustration/anger over a player's ice time/position, coaches' play of a player, and/or team status per STMAYHA's tryout policy will contact the coach, level coordinator, or any other member of the STMAYHA Board of Directors within 24 hours. This includes email, phone call, text message, written/typed letter, or any social media avenue.

5. **Any parents/legal guardians who are evicted from any rink** may be subject to disciplinary action by the STMAYHA Executive Board.
6. **No inappropriate yelling at players on any STMAYHA team or any opposing team.** Parents/legal guardians who are hostile or otherwise act inappropriately toward players in any arena or via email, phone call, text message, written/typed letter, or any social media avenue may be subject to disciplinary action by the STMAYHA Executive Board.
7. **No inappropriate actions toward coaches, officials, arena personnel, volunteers, parents, or spectators.** Parents/legal guardians who are hostile or otherwise act inappropriately toward any coaches, officials, arena personnel, volunteers, parents, or spectators in any arena or via email, phone call, text message, written/typed letter, or any social media avenue may be subject to disciplinary action by the STMAYHA Executive Board.
8. **Volunteer.** Assist in providing a positive youth hockey experience by volunteering to help with player's team and STMAYHA.
9. **Follow the rules.** Promote, support, and adhere to all policies, procedures, rules, and guidelines set forth by STMAYHA, District 5, Minnesota Hockey, and USA Hockey.
10. **Communicate violations of the Code of Conduct.** Any STMAYHA member witnessing or involved in a violation of any portion of the Code of Conduct may bring the issue forward, after the 24-hour rule, to the STMAYHA Board of Directors by emailing the level coordinator.

Depending on facts and circumstances, consequences due to violation(s) of the above may range from probation or suspension of the parent/legal guardian, and possibly the player, from STMAYHA events (i.e., team events, practices, games, tournaments, etc.) to expulsion from STMAYHA.

Any alleged violation of this Code of Conduct brought to the STMAYHA Board of Directors may be referred for a disciplinary hearing with the Executive Board if warranted. Past concerns may be considered by the STMAYHA Board of Directors. Following a disciplinary hearing, the STMAYHA Executive Board will notify the individual(s) in writing, outlining the sanction that is being set forth. This will be done in a timely manner.

All violations and resulting sanctions will be maintained in confidence by STMAYHA and will be cumulative throughout the parent/legal guardian's participation in STMAYHA. If need be, all sanctions will be forwarded to District 5 and/or Minnesota Hockey for further enforcement.