



CODE OF CONDUCT

Kensington Valley Hockey Association prides itself on promoting sportsmanship between coaches, competitors, teammates, and parents. Foul or abusive language, unsportsmanlike behavior, or unwarranted physical contact (misconduct) by anyone associated with our program, whether coaches, players, parents, or our fans will not be tolerated and will be addressed swiftly. The following Codes of Conduct are taken from USA Hockey's set of core values and outline appropriate conduct for parents, players, spectators, and coaches. We expect all participants to abide by these policies.

PLAYER

- No swearing or abusive, discriminatory language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.
- No lashing out at any official no matter what the call is. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
- Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.
- Fighting will not be tolerated. Repeated fighting penalties may result in an appearance before a Committee.
- There will be no vaping, drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco or use of illegal substances at any team function.
- I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc.) during all team functions.
- Any player or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action.

COACH

- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game.
- Remember, players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment.
- Be a positive role model to your players. Display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; do not yell at players.
- Adjust to personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; never verbally or physically abuse a player or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach players the basics. +
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey; encourage all your players to be team players.
- Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association.
- Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.



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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will remember that my child plays hockey for his/her enjoyment, not mine.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship through my actions, by demonstrating positive support for all players.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with the athletes to provide a positive experience for all.
- I will demand my athlete treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with dignity and in language, attitude, behavior, and mannerisms.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my athlete or the safety of others.
- I will respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility, both home and away.

SPECTATOR

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches, and officials.
- Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
- Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing any items on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials.
- Do not lean over or pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.
- Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety – be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, and officials.
- Be supportive after the game – win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.



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CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE

Examples of words or actions which will constitute a violation of the Code include, but are not limited to the following:

- Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator
- Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator
- Going into the locker/dressing room of an opposing team or obstructing their access to or exit from said room and arena
- Going into the officials' locker/dressing room or obstructing their access to or exit from said room and arena
- Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms
- Going onto the ice surface other than to tend for an injured player
- Throwing of any object onto the ice surface, into the player area(s), or at another individual
- Pounding or climbing on the glass
- Defacing or damaging property belonging to any individual, team, association, or arena
- Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials
- Inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviors
- Any other conduct that is not in compliance with the tenants of this agreement

Failure to comply with this Agreement or participation in any of the defined CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from Kensington Valley Hockey Association, Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, USA Hockey, and any of its affiliate member associations.