

GLENBROOK NORTH HOCKEY CODE OF CONDUCT

In an effort to make hockey a more desirable, enjoyable and rewarding experience for all participants, and in order to further promote the organizations objectives of providing an environment where all children can have fun, develop skills, and learn sportsmanship, team play and conduct themselves as responsible law abiding citizens, the Northbrook Hockey League (NBHL) has implemented a "Zero Tolerance Policy" with respect to the behavior of players, coaches, managers and parents who are members. By resolution of the Board of Directors of the NBHL, each coach and each player, along with his or her parents, as members of the NBHL, which includes the GBN Spartan Hockey Club program, shall agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct herein as a prerequisite to participation in the hockey program. All directors, coaches, and other officials are instructed to carry out the enforcement of the Code of Conduct.

PLAYER'S CODE

- I will play for fun, work hard to improve my skills, be a team player, and get along with my teammates to the best of my ability.
- I will demonstrate teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
- I will be on time for practices and games, learn and abide by the rules, and always be a good sport.
- I will respect coaches, managers, officials, teammates, parents, and opponents.
- I will not openly dispute or argue in an unreasonable manner an official's decision.
- I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol.
- I agree to be a good representative for our community and Glenbrook North High School and to act as a positive role model for young players within our organization.
- I agree to act in accordance with all regulations set forth in this Code of Conduct and the objectives of the NBHL and Glenbrook North Hockey.

Penalty:

In addition to any penalties assessed during the game, any violation of the above Player's Code may result in a one game suspension. A second violation may result in a three game suspension. Any additional violation may result in a season suspension. To clarify, the player will not be allowed to participate in the next game or three games, as the case may be, whether it is a league game, practice game or tournament game, and the player will not be able to participate in practices during that period. In the case of drug or alcohol use, the player will be immediately and automatically suspended until a hearing by the Rules and Ethics Committee.

ADHERENCE TO GBN RULES

The Glenbrook North Hockey teams are not affiliated with or governed by GBN High School, District 225 or the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). The NBHL has decided, however, to adopt the IHSA minimum academic requirements and the Code of Conduct that are outlined in the Glenbrook North Athletic Handbook. In addition to the penalties outlined above, following are some of the penalties for violations of the Handbook or Code:

- Players will be ineligible for participation in any games if minimum academic requirements are not met. Pursuant to the Limited Consent for Release of Student Records and Student Record Information that must be signed by each player and, if applicable, his parent, the NBHL will receive notice from the school if such requirements are not met.

- Consequences for infractions of substance abuse rules are determined by the following guidelines:
 - **1st Offense:** Suspension from 10% of the season for violation of policy regarding tobacco or tobacco products and 20% of the season for other illegal substances. Student-athletes may be referred to a GBN counselor regarding substance abuse issues.
 - **2nd Offense:** Suspension from 30% of the season for violation of policy regarding tobacco or tobacco products and 60% of the season for other illegal substances. The student-athlete will be required to attend an educational substance abuse program that has been approved by the GBN counseling and athletic departments.
 - **3rd Offense:** Suspension from all athletics for one year. These suspensions may carry over from season to season.

Players and their parents should read the GBN Student Handbook and GBN Athletic Handbook carefully. Any questions should be directed to the NBHL High School Committee Chairman.

There is no differentiation of consequences for in-season or out-of-season participation, and a penalty may carry over from season to season and/or year to year. Rule enforcement will be consistent and immediate.

The NBHL and/or its coaches may implement rules that are more restrictive than those of the IHSA, GBN High School and/or District 225.

PARENT'S CODE

- I will display good sportsmanship, and always respect players, coaches, managers, officials and other parents.
- I will act appropriately at all times, cheer good plays of all participants in a positive manner and encourage fair play.
- I will be supportive after the game, win or lose, and I will recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.
- I will resolve to conduct myself as a parent and an adult even under the most trying circumstances.
- I will not use obscene or vulgar language or act in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time at the rink, before, during or after a game.
- I will not taunt players, coaches, managers, officials, or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or actual physical violence.
- I will not throw any items on the ice surface, spectator viewing areas, players' bench or penalty box.
- I will not boo players or officials.
- I will not openly object to an official's call or yell at an official.
- I will not lean over or pound the glass.
- I will not embarrass my child by yelling at players, coaches, managers, officials, or other parents and I will always show a positive attitude toward the game and all of the participants.
- I will observe the "24 hour" rule.
- I will not confront or taunt coaches, players or referees when serving as a minor official in games.
- I further agree to act in accordance with all regulations set forth in the Code of Conduct and the objectives of the NBHL, as well as the rules of USA Hockey, AHAI and Metro North.

Penalty:

For the initial violation of the Parents Code, the parent may not be allowed to attend any games or practices for a period of up to 30 days, except in those circumstances where the Rules and Ethics Committee deem the violation to be of such a nature that a more severe penalty is appropriate. For any additional violation, the parent is subject to further disciplinary action by the Rules and Ethics Committee, which may include a permanent ban on attending games and practices or suspension of the child for the parent's failure to adhere to the Code and/or comply with the sanctions.

ALL PENALTIES SHALL BE ASSESSED BY THE RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE UPON A DULY FILED COMPLAINT AND HEARING, AND ALL DECISIONS OF THE RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPEAL AND REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NBHL. ALL DECISIONS OF THE BOARD WILL BE FINAL.

Agreement and Affirmation by Player and Each Parent

As a Player/Parent, I have read the foregoing Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy. I agree to be bound by the foregoing Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy, and I understand the responsibilities and consequences if I fail to adhere to the Code.

Player's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

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