



HANDBOOK & POLICIES

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This Canton Minor Hockey Handbook has been developed to serve as a resource for the Canton hockey community. This document will serve as a roadmap for how Canton Minor Hockey will be run, and what participants in the program should expect from Canton Minor Hockey. This document is meant to be fluid, as we exist in a constantly changing environment with regional development teams and inconsistent numbers among the current issues looming large. Those issues need to be addressed, and others most certainly will arise as time passes. It should be expected that this handbook is not cast in stone and will be modified as deemed necessary.

This Handbook reflects contributions from many youth hockey associations with which we have collaborated over the years. We have borrowed from their publications and benefited from their suggestions.

We look forward to the season ahead and to the continued growth of our program and our youth.



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I. INTRODUCTION FOR PARENTS

We hope that this Handbook will provide you with an introduction to the philosophies, policies, rules and expectations that shape Canton Minor Hockey's programs and activities. Canton Minor Hockey operates under the governance of the Canton Pee Wee Association. We encourage you to read this Handbook with care. It is a valuable resource for families participating in the program. The booklet will provide you with information about what Canton Minor Hockey does and how we do it. We hope that it also will encourage you to become more involved in our activities.

As you will see, there is much to do. Canton Minor Hockey could not survive without the hundreds of hours of volunteer work that begin long before Registration Day and sustain our teams and players through the winter ice hockey season. Your help is vital to our organization. As you read through this handbook, think about how your particular talents, interests and skills might help Canton Minor Hockey. We need your participation and support! Contact the President, a member of the Board of Directors, a Coach or a Manager to discuss how you can volunteer.

II. CANTON MINOR HOCKEY PHILOSOPHY

The primary purpose of Canton Minor Hockey is to contribute to the development of our youth through the game of hockey. Canton Minor Hockey is committed to providing our young people the opportunity to have fun on the ice while learning the basic skills of ice- skating and how to play the game of hockey. Our program is available to all interested youth regardless of socio/economic background.

As a team sport, hockey affirms the importance of commitment, self-discipline and sportsmanship among participants. Our commitment is to assure that the young people who participate in Canton Minor Hockey will develop skills and values, which will bring lifelong benefits to them and to society.

Specific benefits participants of youth hockey receive include:

- Development of the skills necessary to play ice hockey
- Knowledge of the rules and strategies of the game
- Knowledge of conditioning techniques that affect short and longterm health and performance
- Commitment to teamwork
- Enjoyment of a recreational activity
- Sportsmanship

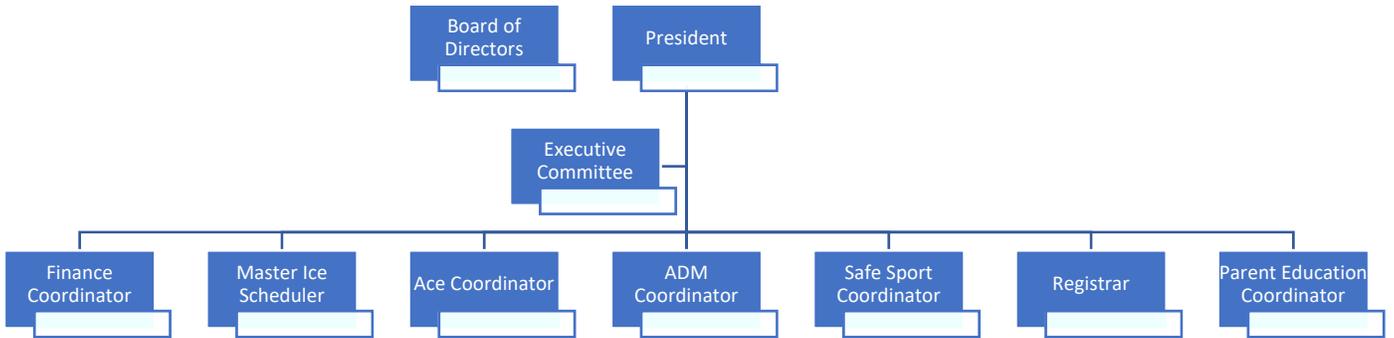
III. REVISIONS

The President, with the help of the Board of Directors, will review this handbook on an annual basis and revise it as needed.

Hard copies of the annual revisions will be provided upon request. The Canton Minor Hockey website will always have on it the current seasons' fully revised handbook.



IV. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The President of Canton Minor Hockey is appointed by the Board of Directors and serves at their pleasure. The President has full authority in all decisions regarding Canton Minor Hockey.

The President is assisted in their duties not only by the people holding the positions outlined above but by an Executive Committee composed of the President and two members of the Board of Directors appointed by the President annually. The President will use his/her Executive Committee to receive input and varying opinions on the different topics that arise. The President also relies upon the Board of Directors to help resolve any problems, issues or disputes as soon as possible.

V. Board Meetings

The Board of Directors will conduct its annual organizational meeting on or about the 2nd Tuesday of April. All meetings outlined below will be held on or about the 2nd Tuesday of the identified month.

- April
 - Annual Organizational Meeting
 - Election of Directors and Officers
- June
 - Year-end financial review
 - USA Hockey & NYSAHA rules and policy update
 - Overview and status of tryout based teams
- August
 - Budget review and approval
 - Season fundraising review
 - ACE coordinator coaching update
- October
 - Financial Update
 - ADM Program Update
- January
 - Financial Reports for current season
 - Planning for next season

VI. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Canton Minor Hockey will employ the following grievance procedure:

1. Meet with Team Coaches to attempt to resolve the problem
2. Meet with President to attempt to resolve the problem
3. President meets with Executive Committee for a consensus

If the grievance is still not resolved to the satisfaction of the grieving party, then:

4. Put problem in writing, coaches put their decision and reasons in writing and then meet with Board of Directors in an attempt to resolve the problem
5. Majority vote by the Board of Directors renders final decision.



VII. TEAM AND PLAYER CLASSIFICATION

A. Team Classification

Canton Minor Hockey is a registered Tier II member of NYSAHA which is an approved affiliate of USA Hockey and abides by all of its regulations governing amateur hockey including, but not limited to, the ADM Model.

B. Age Classification

Under the USA hockey format players are classified based on a January 1 calendar birth year. For example, in order for a player to participate on a 12U team that individual cannot turn 13 prior to January 1st of that year.

C. LEVELS OF PLAY

Canton Minor Hockey follows the USA Hockey American Development Model (ADM) in consideration with NYSAHA rules and regulations. More information about the ADM can be found at admkids.com

a) Cub Club

Cub Club is our introductory program. This is where young children can learn how to skate, no sticks are involved. We will instruct on balance, basic stance, control, and how to fall and get up. Most of all, the program is designed to build confidence on the ice and to have fun. Pressures to perform, to score and to win, are eliminated. All first-year players (ages 3 and up) will be enrolled in this program. Players who have never skated as well as those who have some skating experience are welcome to participate. Returning players who are not ready to join the Mite Division are welcome to remain in the program in one of the advanced groups.

Basic skating skills to include stopping, cross-overs and skating backwards will be the main consideration in a child moving between the various levels in the Beginner Program. It is important to note that not all children develop at the same pace. Some children will be more advanced at an early age where others will struggle. The overall goal is that each child will be ready to play Mite hockey when they are 7 years old. Longtime observers of the program will tell you how the individual skill levels of the players balance out over time.

It is required that the skaters have full face shield helmets that fit properly. Please have winter gloves, and skates that are sharpened. Shin pads are optional. If a parent wants to be on the ice, they have to wear skates and a helmet.

b) 6U

6U serves as an introduction to the basics of hockey. As the season progresses players are introduced to concepts such as advanced skating techniques, passing, shooting, and



stickhandling. The 6U program runs for about 20 weeks with players on the ice on average 3 times per week for approximately 50 minutes per ice session. A limited number of play days are scheduled with other local area programs throughout the season.

c) 8U

The 8U program continues many of the skill development areas from 6U adding an elevated level of competition, skill development and general hockey awareness. The 8U program runs for about 20 weeks with players on the ice on average 3 times per week for approximately 50 minutes per ice session. The travel and game play at the 8U level becomes slightly more extensive throughout the county or local area. USA hockey prohibits players who are 8U classified from playing up an age classification regardless of skill.

d) House League

This option is for Boys and Girls that are generally between the ages of 8 and 12 who are interested in limited hockey throughout the season. Canton Minor Hockey reserves the right to shape this program to best serve the participants.

e) Team Composition

Canton Minor Hockey will offer a slate of teams that best serve Canton Minor Hockey. Programs may change on annual basis. For any teams selecting players The Head Coach has the responsibility of selecting his/her players with the aid of the assistant coaches. Our coaches are committed to organizing a tryout process. The decisions and placement of players on teams by the coaching staff is final. Appealing to the President will not alter the decision of the coach.



VIII. PLAYER REGISTRATION

Canton Minor Hockey, at its discretion, may accept players from outside its traditional geographic boundaries. Historically, it has been the policy of Canton Minor Hockey that it is best for players to play in their hometown. We realize that due to more recent circumstances, that is not always possible. We also recognize that we have no ability to force a player to play in his hometown. Any registration of an outside player must be in accordance with USA Hockey rules, a release must be provided from the prior organization and the President will have final discretion on whether to accept an outside player registration. It is anticipated that if a player from another organization does register that his parents will fully cooperate with the policies expressed in this handbook. As regional hockey has continued to evolve, our program is threatened by our local youth choosing to play elsewhere. Our focus must be to provide the best instruction and the best environment we can provide to our youth which we believe will not only cause our local players to stay, but will attract players at all levels who wish to learn the game of hockey. With that being said, we acknowledge that we have had numerous individuals from outside Canton play in our organization and that for the most part, the players and their parents have contributed positively to our organization.

IX. PLAYER MOVEMENT

There is limited flexibility in moving players between levels. The goal is to allow a child to play on a team while developing skills at the appropriate level. However, a League or an individual tournament may have an age limit that will have to be complied with. Our rules acknowledge that NYSAHA has specific rules regarding 8U players moving up (Mite moving to Squirt).

In rare circumstances, a player may be moved up in classification. This will only be done after consultation between the child's parent/guardian, the President, the player's former coach and the coach of the team at the higher level. Among the factors to be considered in addition to the player's skill level are his physical and emotional maturity, his qualities as a team player, his dominance at the lower level and whether it will be beneficial for the player to move up. There are serious risks involved in a player moving to a higher level and these have to be acknowledged by the parent/guardian. In the event the player is moved up to the next higher level and it is later determined by the President, the coaches or the parent that this was not in the child's best interest, he will be returned to the team at his age level. The President will have the final say in determining whether a player should move up and if he has moved up whether it will be better for him to move back down. The feelings of the coaches and his parent/guardian will be considered but will not be paramount in making these determinations.

Any contemplated upward player movement must be initiated by the child's current or last coach not the parents.

X. TOURNAMENTS

There are numerous opportunities for teams to enter tournaments. The cost of tournaments is in addition to registration fees and each team will be responsible for collecting these fees.



XI. Play in Canada

Coaches and team managers are advised that in regard to Canadian games and tournaments, there is a requirement that a trainer be on the bench. <http://www.hockeycanada.com> Please check with the visiting coach and officials as they may waive the requirement of a trainer when they are playing a United States team as long as one coach is certified in first aid. Also in regard to Canadian games and tournaments, please be aware of the current passport rules.

XII. COACHING

Canton Minor Hockey coaches come from a variety of backgrounds, but all share two important characteristics; they are ALL volunteers and they all care deeply about the development of all of the players on the teams they are coaching. Our coaches require the support of the players' parents. Anything parents can do to help with off-ice responsibilities is encouraged.

All head coaches will be selected by the President. All assistant coaches will be selected by the head coach. Selection criterion for becoming a coach become more rigorous as the age division and level of competition of the players increases.

All coaches must obtain the USA Hockey certification appropriate to the level at which they are coaching. Head and Assistant coaches must be fully familiar with this handbook, NYS Amateur Hockey Association's annual guidebook and all USA Hockey rules and regulations.

USA Hockey provides training and certification to individuals who wish to coach through their Coaching Achievement Program. This program is administered through USA Hockey in the form of clinics and online modules. These clinics and modules are specifically designed to supply each coach with the knowledge of his/her responsibilities and skills that will equip him/her to do the best possible job at any level of play. USA Hockey and Canton Minor Hockey require all persons interested in becoming coaches to be compliant with USA Hockey coaching certification requirements.

The Head Coach or Team Manager should coordinate all team meetings. Each should have a "team meeting" prior to the start of the season. The goal of this meeting should be to open lines of communication and outline expectations for the season. Only certified coaches are approved to be on the ice during practices and on the bench during games.

XIII. TEAM SUPPORT

There are many critical areas where parents can contribute to the welfare of a team. These are covered below:

A. Managers:

Every Canton Minor Hockey team must have a manager. Managers provide a vital link between the coach and parents and have administrative responsibilities scheduling games, obtaining officials for home games, notifying parents of schedule changes, scheduling parents for the concession, reserving hotel rooms for away games and



tournaments as necessary, and especially for facilitating communication between coaches and parents throughout the hockey season. Other responsibilities include: welcoming visiting teams, appointing game minor officials, provide game home sheets at home games, help with home tournaments and being prepared to reciprocate a player gift exchange.

B. Minor Officials:

Each team is responsible for providing a Scorekeeper, Timekeeper and two Penalty Box Officials at their “home” games. These are relatively easy tasks to perform once you become familiar with the procedure. These responsibilities also offer a new perspective to the game. Off-ice officials are required to follow all instructions given by the on-ice officials before, during and after games. Off-ice officials are to be supportive of on-ice officials, exhibit the utmost sportsmanship and not visibly root for your team or against the opponent.

C. Media Contact:

Each team should designate a parent to be the media contact. This parent should arrange for a team picture to be published, copies given to each player and should also provide the local paper with a summary of the week’s games. It is of the utmost importance that the summaries be positive, be team oriented and include as many of the players as practical.



XIV. REFEREES

Referees for all games must be arranged by the coaches or manager for each team. Canton Minor Hockey pays for the referee.

XV. CONCESSION

Beginning with the 2011-2012 hockey season, the responsibility of concession stand at the Canton Pavilion was assigned to Canton Minor Hockey by the Town and Village of Canton. Canton Minor Hockey accepted this responsibility as a means of raising money for Minor Hockey and providing a consistently more enjoyable concession experience for spectators at games and practices. In exchange for this arrangement, Canton Minor Hockey has agreed to make an annual contribution to the Pavilion facility that improves the facility in some material way and hopefully be readily enjoyed by all that use the facility. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for making suggestions to the Board of Directors at the end of each season on what the contribution should be. The contribution made will require the unanimous consent of the Board of Directors. This arrangement is expected to continue year after year.

The responsibility for the operation of the concession rests with all of the families involved in Canton Minor Hockey, without exception. At the beginning of each season, the President shall appoint a manager for the concession who will be responsible for the overall management of the concession, including ensuring proper inventory is maintained. Each group of players, from Cub Club to Midgets shall designate a parent who will be responsible for assigning concession work times to families. Every practice and game is to be covered by the group utilizing the ice. All home Canton High School hockey games (girls and boys) will be assigned to each group and must be covered by the parents of Canton Minor Hockey participants.

The failure of a parent to show up and work the concession at a scheduled time or their failure to cause another person to work in their stead, shall result in a penalty being assessed in the amount of \$75 for each offense. This penalty will be added to the player's account and must be paid no later than January 10th. A player's family may opt out of working the concession for entire season for a one-time payment of \$250 (for each player) which must be paid at the time of registration.

Keep in mind that it is our expectation that concession profits will allow Canton Minor Hockey to maintain its current fee structure, even in the face of increased ice time cost



XVI. PLAYER BEHAVIOR AND CONDUCT

The rules in this handbook are designed to establish guidelines to support young people who participate in Canton Minor Hockey. Many of the rules are those enacted by USA Hockey, Inc., which governs youth hockey. Canton Minor Hockey is committed to ensuring that they are observed. Canton Minor Hockey and its coaches, team managers and volunteer parents all have a vested interest in providing a safe, fun-filled environment for each player. In return, each skater must understand that coaches, assistant coaches, parent helpers, referees and all adults are to be treated with respect and consideration. Canton Minor Hockey skaters are expected to be attentive to their coaches' directions and instructions and to avoid disruption.

The President and the Board of Directors support the coaching staff in cases where reasonable discipline must be exercised in order to maintain an organized and enjoyable learning environment.

A. Punctuality

Ice time is valuable and should not be wasted. All participants should arrive at games and practices in sufficient time to allow for suiting up and the necessary pre-game/practice instruction and/or warm-up. Unless your coach has told you differently, it is recommended that you be ready to "take the ice" at least 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time. It will be at the coach's discretion to penalize a player when tardy. The rules should be in place at the beginning of the season.

B. Attendance

Reliable attendance is essential to personal skill development AND the development of team cohesiveness. Poor attendance habits will be grounds for removal from a team and there will be no refund of registration fees. This decision will only be made after the coach has discussed with the player and his parents the problems caused by poor attendance. Again, the President will have the final decision in this regard.

C. Conduct

All players must display good sportsmanship both on and off the ice, at all games and practices, regardless of whether a contest is won or lost, and regardless of how a game is officiated, to include language, fighting, negativism or vandalism. Damaging or defacing property and the general display of poor sportsmanship reflects poorly on the individual, the team, Canton Minor Hockey and the greater Canton community. Such behavior is unacceptable and will be dealt with immediately and severely by team coaches and/or the Canton Minor Hockey President. Repeated or severe incidents of bad sportsmanship or other inappropriate or unacceptable conduct will result in disciplinary action by the President. Any participant found to have severely or persistently violated Canton Minor Hockey rules shall be dismissed from the program without refund. Coaches have the right to discipline by way of "sit outs", a conference with the parent/guardian or suspension from games, for any behavior not consistent with the philosophy of Canton Minor Hockey and good sportsmanship.



Canton Minor Hockey will adhere to all USA Hockey rules with respect to minor and major penalties. In accordance with USA Hockey procedure, the President or a committee appointed by the President shall review match, game or gross misconduct penalties received by a Canton Minor Hockey player during a game. It is the responsibility of the team coach to report any such incident, in writing, to New York State Hockey and USA Hockey if required by their rules. The head coaches are also charged with the responsibility to make sure the President is fully apprised of any such incident

XVII. Policies of Canton Minor Hockey

A. Substance Abuse Policy

Canton Minor Hockey firmly believes that the use of chemical substances neither enhances nor improves an individual's performance. Therefore, the use of tobacco, alcohol, or misuse of non-prescribed or prescribed drugs is prohibited. The consequences for violation of this Policy may be at the discretion of the President.

With the first incident, there will be a suspension from the next two (2) games. Attendance at all practices is still required.

With the second incident, there will be an immediate suspension from participating in all future practices and games for the remainder of the season, including all tournament and playoff games. There will be no refunds of registration fee

B. Locker Room Policy

In addition to the development of our hockey players and enjoyment of the sport of hockey, the safety and protection of our participants is central to Canton Minor Hockey's goals. Canton Minor Hockey adheres to USA Hockey's SafeSport Program as a means to help protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of misconduct, including emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing. To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring in our locker rooms, Canton Minor Hockey has adopted the following locker room policy. This policy is designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms.

At the Canton Pavilion, there are 4 locker rooms available for our program's use. Each of the locker rooms has its own restroom and shower area. Some teams in our program may also occasionally or regularly travel to play games at other arenas, and those locker rooms, rest rooms and shower facilities will vary from location to location. Canton Minor Hockey's team organizers will attempt to provide information on the locker room facilities in advance of games away from our home arena. At arenas for which you are unfamiliar, parents should plan to have extra time and some flexibility in making arrangements for their child to dress, undress and shower if desired.

a) Locker Room Monitoring



Canton Minor Hockey has predictable and limited use of locker rooms and changing areas (e.g., generally 30-45 minutes before and following practices and games). This allows for direct and regular monitoring of locker room areas. While constant monitoring inside of locker rooms and changing areas might be the most effective way to prevent problems, we understand that this would likely make some players uncomfortable and may even place our staff at risk for unwarranted suspicion.

We conduct a sweep of the locker rooms and changing areas before players arrive, and if the coaches are not inside the locker rooms, either a coach or voluntary locker room monitors (each of which has been screened) will be posted directly outside of the locker rooms and changing areas during periods of use, and leave the doors open only when adequate privacy is still possible, so that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room. Team personnel will also secure the locker room appropriately during times when the team is on the ice.

b) Parents in Locker Rooms – is this consistent with USA Hockey regulations?

Except for players at the younger age groups (U10 and Below), we discourage parents from entering locker rooms unless it is truly necessary. If a player needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear, if the player is or may be injured, or a player's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents let the coach know beforehand that he or she will be helping the player.

Naturally, with our youngest age groups it is necessary for parents to assist the players getting dressed. We encourage parents to teach their players as young as possible how to get dressed so that players will learn as early as possible how to get dressed independently. In circumstances where parents are permitted in the locker room, coaches are permitted to ask that the parents leave for a short time before the game and for a short time after the game so that the coaches may address the players. As players get older, the coach may in his or her discretion prohibit parents from a locker room.

c) Mixed Gender Teams

Some of our teams consist of both male and female players. It is important that the privacy rights of all players are given consideration and appropriate arrangements made. Where possible, Canton Minor Hockey will have the male and female players dress/undress in separate locker rooms and then convene in a single locker room before the game or team meeting. Once the game or practice is finished, the players may come to one locker room for a team meeting and then the male and female players proceed to their separate locker rooms to undress and shower, if available. If separate locker rooms are not available, then the players will take turns using the locker room to change. We understand that these arrangements may require that players arrive earlier or leave later to dress, but believe that this is the most reasonable way to accommodate and respect all players.

d) Cell Phones and Other Mobile Recording Devices

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording,



still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms. If phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the locker room

e) Prohibited Conduct and Reporting

Canton Minor Hockey prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook. Participants, employees or volunteers of Canton Minor Hockey may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these locker room policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies. Reports of any actual or suspected violations, you may email USA Hockey at SafeSport@usahockey.org or may call 1-800-888-4656.



C. Policy on Coaches Conduct

Canton Minor Hockey coaches are also expected to adhere to the following rules of conduct:

1. Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, **NOR THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE**. Care more about the child than winning the game. Winning becomes a more important consideration as the team progresses through Pre-Sectional, Sectional and State tournaments.
2. Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
3. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent, honest; fair and just; learn to be an effective communicator and coach.
4. 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 them the basics.
5. Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey; encourage all players to be team players.
6. Be understanding. There will be times when your players play to the very best of their ability but the other team is simply better.
7. Teach players the basics of the game.
8. Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of Canton Minor Hockey. Stress physical fitness, good health habits, a well- rounded diet and abstinence from harmful substances.
9. Be concerned with the overall development of ALL your players.
10. To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.
11. It is mandatory to maintain the proper level of certifications.

At no time is a Canton Minor Hockey coach to permit a player not registered with USA Hockey and Canton Minor Hockey to participate in a Canton Minor Hockey practice or game. Such conduct may result in an immediate suspension from coaching duties.



D. Policy on the Conduct of Parents

All parents must display good sportsmanship at all games and practices, regardless of whether a contest is won or lost and regardless of how a game is officiated. As parents and guardians, we must be positive in our attitudes toward the game of hockey and emphasize the cooperative nature of the game. Negative and rowdy behavior in or around the hockey rink reflects directly and poorly on the whole organization. We must foster good relationships between our young players, within the Association and with officials and our competitors. As parents, we must set positive examples for our children.

a) Conduct at the rink

In accordance with USA Hockey's policy of ZERO TOLERANCE, the following actions are **not** acceptable:

- Yelling at or threatening referees, opposing players or coaches before, during or after games or practices;
- Direct confrontations with coaches, parents or players;
- Demonstrations of frustration or anger after a game loss;
- Unnecessary or exaggerated celebration of a goal scored or a game won that would embarrass or demean the opposing team;
- Any physical abuse of any other person;
- Approaching the bench during a game situation unless summoned by a coach

Coaches have the right to deny parents access to the locker rooms except at their discretion.

Disruptive or abusive parents may be asked to leave a rink and compliance is expected. Such conduct may result in an immediate suspension from Canton Minor Hockey functions until a Board hearing is held on the matter. Further penalties may be assessed at that time.

REMEMBER THAT EVERY PARENT, COACH AND PLAYER REPRESENTS CANTON MINOR HOCKEY AND MUST ACT ACCORDINGLY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT EVERY PARENT WILL CONTRIBUTE THEIR EFFORTS AS THEY CAN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR CHILD, THE TEAM, CANTON MINOR HOCKEY AND THE GREATER CANTON COMMUNITY.

b) Conduct at hotels

Supervision of all players regardless of age in all hotel rooms, pool and other hotel areas including restaurants, is the sole responsibility of the parents or guardians of those players (including siblings of players where applicable). Safety in hotels is of the utmost priority at all times.



HOTEL BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Know where your children are at all times (including siblings).
- Do not allow your children to roam around the hotel without an adult.
- Do not allow your children in pool, sauna, exercise rooms or other pool related areas unsupervised, regardless of age or perceived swimming ability. Many hotels do not provide lifeguards.
- Never leave your children alone in a hotel room for any period of time.
- Familiarize yourself with all individual hotel rules and procedures and communicate those rules to your children.
- Be considerate of other hotel guests; do not allow your children to run in the hotel corridors, engage in horseplay or be loud in the hotel



E. Policy Regarding the Conduct of Spectators

Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches, officials and other spectators. Always act appropriately. Do not taunt or disturb other fans. Enjoy the game together. Cheer good plays of all participants. Avoid negative comments directed at opponents.

Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play. Profanity and objectionable cheers and gestures are offensive and serve to set an extremely poor example for children. Remember this is only one game in the lifetime of your child and not the Stanley Cup play-offs.

Refrain from inappropriate behavior in the stands. Keep the overall importance of youth hockey games in the proper perspective.

Help provide a safe and fun environment for all players and officials out on the ice.

Throwing any items onto the ice surface can cause serious injury to players and officials. A number of years ago a high school player in Maine, broke his neck when a fan threw a penny on the ice during a high school game.

Do not pound on the glass. It is part of the playing area.

Support the officials, even when you may totally disagree with a “call”. Remember your vantage point often is not the same as theirs on the ice. Recognize that officials have a difficult job. Show respect for all officials. Trust in their judgment and integrity.

Support the coaches; trust in their judgment and integrity.

Be responsible for your own safety. Be alert and pay attention to what is occurring on the ice during a game to avoid injuries from flying pucks.

Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.

Be supportive before, during and after the game, win or lose, recognize good effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship



F. Policy regarding the destruction or damage of rink property

Parents and/or guardians will be held financially responsible for any damage to locker or arena facilities including but not limited to, being held directly financially responsible for the loss, damage and/or destruction of another player's personal belongings or equipment as a result of inappropriate actions by their child while occupying a locker room facility both home and away. Anyone found responsible for the theft of another player's personal belongings or equipment or rink facility property will be immediately suspended from the organization including but not limited to further actions deemed necessary by the Canton Minor Hockey President.

G. Registration and Payment Policy

Registration will be posted on Cantonminorhockey.org prior to the season. If an account is not paid in full by January 10th, the Treasurer shall immediately notify the President and absent a waiver issued by the President, the President shall notify the player's parent, in writing or through email, that the player is not allowed to practice nor play games until the account balance is paid.



H. Scholarship Policy

Involvement in hockey can be burdensome to the family budget. We do not want to see children blocked from participating due to cost. Therefore, in response to a growing number of requests and in the face of limited financial resources on the part of Canton Minor Hockey the following policy regarding the awarding of scholarship aid has been implemented:

Canton Minor Hockey will award scholarships, as financial conditions permit. Recipients will be selected based on the demonstrated financial inability to pay for the total cost of registration for their player. Another factor considered is the volunteerism of the family to the Canton PeeWee Association.

Requests must be made verbally to the Canton Minor Hockey President.

All requests will be reviewed confidentially and recipients will be notified of the award amount as soon as possible. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the award will be limited to a maximum of 50% of the registration cost.

In addition to scholarships, assistance is also available in providing players with equipment.



XVIII. St. Lawrence County and Local Arenas

Name	Address	Phone #
Canton Pavilion	Outer Lincoln St. Canton, NY 13617	386-3992
Appleton Arena	St. Lawrence University Miner St. & Leigh St. Canton, NY 13617	229-5696
Pine Street Arena	43 Pine St. Potsdam, NY 13676	265-4030
Cheel Center	Clarkson University 8 Clarkson Ave. Potsdam, NY 13676	268-7750
Maxcy Hall	SUNY Potsdam 44 Pierrepont Ave. Potsdam, NY 13676	267-2000
Massena Arena	180 Hart Haven Plaza Massena, NY 13662	769-3161
St. Lawrence Centre Arena	St. Law. Centre Mall 6183 St. Law. Centre, Rt.37 Massena, NY 13662	764-0684
Dominic Zappia Community Center	9 Clinton St. Norfolk, NY 13667	384-3200
Tri-Town Arena	746 St. Highway 11C Brasher Falls, NY 13613	389-4576
Newell Memorial Dome	Ogdensburg Free Academy 1100 State St. Ogdensburg, NY 13669	393-5220
Lockwood Civic Center	141 W. River St. Ogdensburg, NY 13669	393-2111
State Street Hockey Arena Malone, NY 12953	State St.	(518) 483-0680



Watertown Fairgrounds Arena

William T. Field Dr. & Coffeen 785-7836
St.
Watertown, NY 13601



Alexandria Bay Municipal Arena	Bolton Ave. Alexandria Bay, NY 13607	482-9360
Clayton Recreation Park Arena	East Line Rd. Clayton, NY 13624	686-4310
Salmon River Central Skating Arena	Bombay Rd. Fort Covington, NY 12937	(518) 358-2215
Ontario District Minor Hockey Assoc.	1247 Kilborn Place Suite 300	(613) 224-3589
Ottawa, Ontario K1H6K9 (613)	224-7886	
The Hockey Development Center Suite 301 North York, Ontario M3C3C6	1185 Eglinton Ave. East	1-888-843-4326 for Ontario
Can/Am – Lake Placid Williams Bay, WI 53191-016	PO Box 160	1-800-678-0908



