



MIDSTATES CLUB HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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MID-STATES SECURITY LIAISON/FAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Each MidStates Club will be required to have ONE person each to provide crowd control, assist with security, and assistance. The team game representative must be in the stands with the fans.

- Each team game representative is to identify himself or herself to security personnel and MSCHA ticket taker/scorekeeper prior to start of game.
- Each representative and the rangers/police for each game are to sign the Liaison Form as evidence of their meeting before each game and discussing the responsibilities.
- MidStates understands the importance of the proper conduct and safety at all facilities and shares the management's desire for the highest quality environment possible for all fans.
- The team game representative's responsibility is to act as a liaison between security personnel, the MSCHA league official and the home and visiting teams, including, but not limited to: emergency situations, injuries, or unruly fans. MSCHA and its member teams have adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy in accordance with USA Hockey rules for fan behavior at all games and Spectator's Code of Conduct. Anyone behaving in an inappropriate manner, using obscene language or gestures, or throwing objects onto the ice will be ejected from the rink. In case of an unruly fans, contact the league official, and/or security guard, who will have the fan removed from the rink. If necessary, the referee has the authority to stop the game and/or assess the fan's team a two-minute bench minor penalty until the fan(s) is removed from the rink. The referee shall warn the offending team bench prior to rendering the bench minor penalty.

Guidelines for the Liaison Personnel:

1. Introduce yourself to the security personnel prior to each game.
2. Serve as an extra set of eyes during the game to identify violations of the code of conduct.
3. Be aware of rising tension in the stands and inform security of possible problems.
4. Park Rangers and Police Officers want to allow fans to have a fun atmosphere at games and will allow latitude in doing so; Liaisons need to share this same philosophy.
5. Do not for any reason involve yourself with physical confrontations or altercations. When in doubt, alert security personnel.



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Priorities for security personnel as to crowd control:

1. Provide the highest quality environment possible for fans and players. Zero tolerance for smoking or drugs.
2. Zero tolerance for throwing things toward or onto the ice surface.
3. Remove fans who insist on pushing or shoving others in the crowd. Remove fans who are vulgar, use profanity, or abusive language.
4. In general enforce the Code of Conduct.

USA Hockey / MSCHA Zero Tolerance Policy - Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct

Parents/Spectators are expected to be a positive role model by treating all players, coaches, officials and fellow spectators with respect and support.

The game will be stopped by game officials when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

1. Use of obscene, profane or abusive language to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
3. Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.
4. Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
5. Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
6. Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
7. Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
8. Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing any items on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials.
9. Do not lean over or pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.
10. Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
11. Be responsible for your own safety – be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
12. Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
13. Be supportive after the game – win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.
14. Do not parade banner or placards.