



Welcome Parents and Players to the Sartell Youth Hockey Association!

The purpose of this handbook is to familiarize you with the Sartell Youth Hockey Association (SYHA) and is updated annually and available to all SYHA members.

The SYHA is comprised of dedicated and hard-working players, parents, coaches and volunteers. More importantly, this is an association that is run by all its members to ensure our mission and objectives are upheld and to create the best future for the kids. As good as our organization may be, there is always room for improvement. Please feel free to contact a Board Member with your feedback regarding this handbook or any aspect of Sartell Youth Hockey. Please refer to the SYHA website for the complete list of SYHA Board members and contact information. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

We hope you and your family enjoy your hockey experience this season.

2019-2020 Sartell Youth Hockey Board of Directors
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SYHA Core Values

Sportsmanship:

Treat others better than you expect to be treated. Be fair. Be humble. Be honest.

Acceptance:

We welcome all who share love of the game, no matter the ability or circumstance. Hockey is for everyone.

Believe:

Hockey's greatest value is the role it plays in the development of character and of life skills. Believe in the process.

Respect:

Demonstrate respect for everyone we encounter in the game of hockey – the fans, players, coaches and officials.

Experience:

Success is measured by the player experience, not the scoreboard.

Support:

We are an organization of volunteers; and many hands make small work. Contributions of time, expertise and resources make a real impact in our success.

Mission Statement

The mission of SYHA is to provide youth with the opportunity to enjoy the game of hockey and develop individual skills to their full potential.

Policies

Registration & Dues Policy

The SYHA opens its annual registration during the month of July. At this time, players pay an SYHA registration fee. This registration fees cover ice time for dynamics, tryouts, clinics, games and a limited amount of dryland and ice time for team practices. Other expenses included in the registration fees are team jerseys, tournament fees, insurance, and referees. The SYHA assesses each team a separate fee(s) periodically for additional items, such as additional practice ice. And gate fees.

The goal of the SYHA is to provide the best program at the most reasonable cost to its participants. The SYHA is a non-profit organization and all monies received come from the members and donors through registration, team fees, sponsorships, events and fundraisers.

Registration fees shall be paid online at time of registration and will be discounted \$100.00 if paid before 8/02/19. Seasonal dues will be charged to the card used during registration, once on Nov. 15th, 2019 and again on Jan. 15th, 2020. Any changes to payment method must be made a minimum of two days prior to scheduled payments. Please contact treasurer with any questions.

FEE STRUCTURE	FIRST YEAR MITES	MITE	U10 & SQUIRT	U12 & PEEWEE	U15 & BANTAM
REGISTRATION (BEFORE 8/02/19)	\$ 185	\$ 185	\$ 470	\$ 500	\$ 550
NOV.15TH SEASONAL DUES	-	125	215	265	325
JAN. 15TH SEASONAL DUES	120	125	215	265	325
TOTAL HOCKEY (REGISTRATION BEFORE 8/02/19)	\$ 305	\$ 435	\$ 900	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,200
TOTAL HOCKEY (REGISTRATION AFTER 8/02/19)		\$ 535	\$1,000	\$ 1,130	\$ 1,300
REQUIRED RAFFLES TO SELL (\$20 EACH)	0	10	15	15	15
TOTAL HOCKEY & RAFFLE (BEFORE 8/02/19)	\$ 305	\$ 635	\$1,200	\$ 1,330	\$ 1,500

Refund Policy

Once tryouts are complete and teams have been determined, refunds will only be granted for documented medical reasons and movement out of the association boundaries. The MN/USA Hockey portions of the registration process are NOT refundable. If a player decides not to participate, only prepaid seasonal dues will be refunded.

Skaters who try out for and make a high school team will be refunded all registration and seasonal dues less a \$150.00 tryout fee. This fee includes, tryouts, dynamics and any practices prior to the release of high school tryout results. Please notify treasurer if your skater makes a

high school team for refund of registration and cancelation of seasonal dues.

Financial Assistance Process

In some instances, the SYHA Board may grant financial assistance in the form of discounted/waived registration fees and seasonal dues. Please contact the SYHA Treasurer with all requests and include a summary of your situation along with the amount you are able to pay. The Treasurer will review your request and may request supporting documents before granting relief. All requests will remain confidential.

Background Checks/Screening policy

All SYHA Board members, Hockey Operations Committee (HOC), Locker room monitors, and coaches are subject to background checks/screenings as required by Minnesota Hockey Rules.

Volunteer Policy

SYHA depends on the volunteerism of our members and it is critical that we all share in the commitment to the success of our association by volunteering and participating in your association. By participating in online registration, you confirm that you are aware of our SYHA Volunteer Policy. Our policy requires 10 hours for one player or 20 hours for two or more players per season. You can opt to buy out of your volunteer commitment. The cost to buy out is \$500 per child, \$1000 maximum per family. Buyout is only charged one time per family.

- If participating in the volunteer program, you MUST complete your volunteer hours. Any hours not completed by the end of the season will be invoiced to the family at \$50 per hour. You will be required to pay this invoiced amount before your child can participate in any future season. Not showing up to a claimed DIB without a 48-hour cancellation will result in a \$50 fine.
- Please see www.sartellhockey.com to view all the different ways to volunteer and answer any questions you may have about your volunteer hours.

Parent / Spectator Behavior - Zero Tolerance Policy

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, USA Hockey has instituted a program of Zero Tolerance for parental and fan behavior that has been adopted by District 5. Referees, at their discretion, may have parents/spectators removed from the arena. The SYHA supports this program and requests that all parents be supportive of the team, the players AND the OFFICIALS.

Players and officials all strive to perform at the highest possible level and deserve our support.

On-ice officials will stop the game when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The on-ice 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 SYHA. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or act.
- Throwing of any object in the spectator's viewing area, player's bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

Please see separate section Codes of Conduct, Rights and Responsibilities for players, parents and coaches.

SAFESPORT Policies – As Adopted by USA Hockey

The SYHA is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for its participant's physical, emotional, and social development and to ensure that it promotes an environment free from abuse and misconduct. As part of this commitment, the SYHA will be following the recommendations and guidelines defined in the USA Hockey Safesport Program Handbook. A copy of this handbook and SYHA's Safesport coordinator's contact information can be found on SYHA's home web page at www.sartellhockey.com. Any questions or concerns should be directed to SYHA's Safesport coordinator.

SYHA Safesport Policies are designed to address the following types of abuse and misconduct:

- Sexual Abuse
- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Bullying, Threats and Harassment
- Hazing

Refer to the USA Hockey Safesport Program Handbook for complete definitions of these abuses and misconducts. <https://www.usahockey.com/safesportprogram>.

To reduce the risks of potential abuse and misconduct, SYHA has implemented the following policies:

- Locker Room Policy
- Cell Phone Locker Room Policy
- Travel Policy

In the event that any SYHA member observes any of the above described abuses and or misconducts it is the member's personal responsibility to immediately report their observations to the SYHA's Safesport coordinator. In addition, the member must also consider reporting suspected child physical or sexual abuse to appropriate law enforcement authorities. SYHA has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for abuse and misconduct.

SYHA's Locker Room Policy

Youth players are particularly vulnerable in locker rooms, changing areas and restrooms due to various stages of dress/undress and because they are less supervised than at many other times. Athlete-to-athlete problems, such as sexual abuse and bullying, harassment, and hazing, often occur when coaches and/or volunteers are not in a position to observe – this is especially true in locker rooms. Adherence to SYHA's locker room policy enhances privacy and reduces the likelihood of misconduct. Proper supervision of the locker room areas also helps ensure that players that may have suffered an injury during a game or practice have an adult present to confer with regarding such injury.

It is the policy of the SYHA that teams have at least one responsible adult present and directly monitoring the locker room during all team events to assure that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room and to supervise the conduct in the locker room. These individuals will be called "Locker Room Monitors."

Locker Room Monitors

- Are the responsible adults that monitor and supervise the locker room.
- Completed the required Safesport training screened in compliance with Section III of the USA Hockey Safesport Program Handbook.
- Must personally monitor the locker room environment at all times while participants are present and also make sure the locker room is appropriately secured during times when minor participants are on the ice.
- Shall be of the same gender as the team they are monitoring. If a team is co-ed a team monitor of both genders will be required.
- Any individual meetings with a minor participant and a coach in a locker room shall require a responsible adult be with the coach.
- SYHA teams may prohibit parents from the locker room. However, in doing so the team shall ensure that properly screened individuals monitor and supervise the locker room as required above.

- With younger, Mite/8U/6U aged players, it is generally appropriate to allow parents to assist the player with getting equipment on and off before and after games or practices and they should be allowed to do so.
- Violations of the locker policy may result in loss of locker room privileges.

Co-Ed Locker Rooms:

As a team sport in which youth teams can often include both male and female players, special circumstances may exist that can increase the chance of abuse or misconduct. If a team consists of both male and female players, both female and male privacy rights must be given consideration and appropriate arrangements made.

It is not acceptable for players, coaches, locker room monitors or any other SYHA member to be observing the opposite gender while they dress or undress. Where possible, the male and female players should undress/dress in separate locker rooms and then convene in a single dressing room prior to the game or team meeting. Once the game is finished, the players may come to one locker room to discuss the game, but no player may begin undressing until the opposite gender has proceeded to their separate dressing room. Coaches are prohibited from discussing hockey in the locker room unless both genders are present.

If separate locker rooms are not available, the genders may take turns using the same locker room. One gender must wait to use locker room until all opposite gender's players have finished and left the locker room.

When male and female players are together in the locker room there should be at least two adults in the locker room.

Cell Phone Locker Room Policy

SYHA prohibits the use of cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras, and video cameras from being used in locker rooms without specific approval from the team's locker room monitor and/or coach. Approval will only be granted when all persons present in the locker room are appropriately dressed and have been advised that photographs or recordings are being taken.

Travel Policy

SYHA coaches and/or volunteers, who are not also acting as a parent, should not drive alone with an unrelated minor and should only drive with at least two other players or another adult at all times, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minor's parent.

Coaches and volunteers who are also a player's parent or guardian may provide shared transportation for any player(s) if they pick up their player first and drop off their player last. It is recognized that in some limited instances it will be unavoidable for a coach or volunteer to drive alone with an unrelated minor player. However, efforts should be made to minimize these occurrences and to mitigate any circumstances that could lead to allegations of abuse or misconduct.

Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs Policy- As Adopted from USA Hockey

SYHA supports USA Hockey's considered judgment that consumption/use/abuse of mood-altering substances is detrimental to a healthy state of mind, body, and spirit in an athletic participant. This is especially true for those participants aspiring to develop their talents in the furtherance of their playing, or coaching, or officiating careers in the sport of ice hockey. Therefore, with the best interests of its participants in mind, USA Hockey prohibits use by any participant of alcohol or drugs, as these terms are defined below, during participation in its programs as follows:

1. Zero tolerance for possession or use of drugs by any participant unless participant is currently under a doctor's care and the medication is required for treatment of an illness or injury;
2. Zero tolerance for providing or condoning the use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs to a minor athlete by a coach, assistant coach, manager, official or any other person who is in a position of authority over that athlete;
3. Zero tolerance for being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or drugs while supervising minor athletes or while participating in a USA Hockey practice, game or event; and
4. Abuse of alcohol by a participant while participating at a USA Hockey event other than that prohibited by #3 above.

Violation of this policy shall subject the participant to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or disqualification from membership.

For purposes of this policy, the word "alcohol" shall include the following:

- Intoxicating beverages.

For purposes of this policy, the word "tobacco" shall include the following:

- Cigarettes
- Chewing tobacco
- Vaping, vaping paraphilia

For purposes of this policy, the words "drug" shall include the following:

- Any controlled substances.
- Prescription or prescribed controlled substances when used to an excess in violation of doctors' orders, or to produce the state of intoxication in the participant.
- Any mood altering or psychoactive substance that produces a state of intoxication in the participant.

Physical Abuse Policy — As Adopted by USA Hockey

It is the policy of the SYHA that there shall be no physical abuse of any participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs. Physical abuse means physical contact with a participant that intentionally causes the participant to sustain bodily harm or personal injury. Physical abuse also includes physical contact with a participant that intentionally creates a threat of immediate bodily harm or personal injury.

Physical abuse does not include physical contact that is reasonably designed to coach, teach or demonstrate a hockey skill. Permitted physical conduct may include, but is not necessarily

limited to, shooting pucks at a goaltender, demonstrating checking and other hockey skills, and communicating with or directing participants during the course of a game or practice, by touching them in a non-threatening, non-sexual manner.

Sexual Abuse Policy - As Adopted by USA Hockey

It is the policy of the SYHA that there shall be no sexual abuse of any minor participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs. Neither consent of the player to the sexual contact, mistake as to the participant’s age, nor the fact that the sexual contact did not take place at a hockey function are defenses to a complaint of sexual abuse.

If an allegation is brought forward the authorities will be contacted. Upon evidence of violation of this policy; the violator will be permanently banned or suspended from USA Hockey sanctioned programs and/or programs of its Affiliate Associations.

Whistleblower Policy – As Adopted by Minnesota Hockey

SYHA supports Minnesota Hockey’s Whistleblowers Policy in compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. <https://www.minnesotahockey.org/page/show/710953-whistleblower-policy>

Equipment Policy

All players on SYHA teams are required to wear protective equipment during all games and practices. Each player’s equipment shall be as prescribed by, District 5 of Minnesota Hockey for their position, including, but not limited to the following:

Player Equipment

- Proper fitting ice skates
- Stick
- Breezers
- Safety certified helmet with attached faceguard
- Colored mouth guard
- Supportive cup or pelvic protector
- Shin Pads
- Shoulder Pads
- Skates
- Hockey Gloves
- Elbow Pads
- Hockey Socks

Goalie Equipment

- Supportive cup/pelvic protector
- Garter belt and socks or sweatpants
- Breezers
- Skates – goalie skates are highly recommended above mite level
- Leg Pads
- Chest protector/arm protector
- Helmet, mouth guard and neck protector
- Glove and blocker
- Goalie stick
- Uniforms

Association Goalie Equipment may be rented during the off-season for ice hockey camps and clinics only by filling out the “sign out form.” The borrower is responsible for any damages or loss of the goalie equipment. In-line use of Association Goalie Equipment is prohibited. Once rental gear is determined by fitting and need, the player’s name, phone number, equipment, check number, and check-out date will be entered into the Equipment Check-out Binder. (\$25 player gear. \$50 goalie gear – during summer) At time of check out, parent will be given a handout explaining Rental Equipment Return process. Parent will initial Equipment Check-out

Binder stating he/she received the handout.

- When Hockey season is completed, rental gear will be taken to Hockey Zone to be cleaned
- Cost for equipment cleaning is to be paid at Hockey Zone.
- Hockey Zone receipt will need to be turned in with gear return as proof of gear cleaning or a fee of \$20 will be invoiced.

All equipment must be returned to the Equipment Manager within 30 days of the last scheduled game or practice.

Association game jerseys or practice jerseys will not be allowed to be used by any team or individual for a non-association event or game unless approved by the SYHA Executive Board. Players are not permitted to wear Association jerseys to school without approval.

SYHA Travel team official colors: Royal Blue, Black and White

Stormin Sabres Travel team official colors: Black, Royal Blue and Kelly Green

Travel Teams: Each player will receive two game jerseys of contrasting colors that they will keep until season's end. *To provide a uniformed look for our travel teams, SYHA will be requiring Royal Blue helmets, gloves, and breezers starting in the 2021-2022 season.*

Mite Teams: Mite teams will receive one practice jersey and then turned in for a team jersey that they will keep until season's end.

No teams in the SYHA will have uniforms that differ from the SYHA approved uniform.

Fees and Guidelines for Travel Teams -

Team fees may differ from team to team. Teams may decide pay for such items as extra ice time, referees for additional scrimmage games, travel expenses and meals for non-parent coaches and tournament gate fees. Such additional expenses for out of town tournaments, year-end team party, hospitality room, photography, and coach and manager gifts.

Tournament Policy

- Squirt, PeeWee, Girls, and Bantam teams will be budgeted up to THREE tournaments each season. Each individual family will be responsible for the gate fees for each tournament. Teams may substitute an overnight game weekend as one of their budgeted tournaments
- A tournament hosted by a SYHA team in the Bernick's Pepsi Arena will count as one of the three tournaments allowed each season.
- Tournaments will be scheduled PRIOR to the tryouts by the level coordinators. Any tournament schedule changes must be approved by the level coordinator and communicated to the Executive Board prior to commitment.
- The Association highly recommends that travel to tournaments not be more than three hours drive time to one tournament and that the other two tournaments be within 1½ hour drive time.

- Every effort should be made to follow the Association’s guiding principles of “minimal travel, time, and financial commitments by the families involved.” The level coordinators should try and schedule tournaments with the understanding that not every family involved is capable or desires to travel distances that make it mandatory to stay in motels and that a balance between travel and competitive tournaments should be attempted.
- Mite/U8 Program teams are budgeted to one tournament or jamboree per season.
- In the event that an opportunity presents itself to participate in extra games or an unscheduled tournament(s) that exceeds the budgeted number of events:
 - a team’s Head Coach must contact the level coordinator,
 - the parents/guardians of all players must approve participating in the tournament/game by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote,
 - determined by secret ballot using an unbiased board member as the vote counter/recorder the tournament/game details must be known by all prior to the vote.

Home Tournaments

District tournaments hosted by SYHA may require additional volunteer time from parents of SYHA. Volunteer credits can be earned by any family member in player’s family as long as the family member is 18 or older. Volunteers need to be over the age of 18 to handle money at a tournament or to volunteer as a minor official (Penalty Box Attendant, Time Clock or Scorekeeper). Tournament workstations (volunteer positions) include: announcer, time clock, score book, penalty box monitor.

Playoffs

SYHA will pay any fees associated with a team participating in the District Playoffs. After District Playoffs are finished, the Board will determine based on budget and fund balance if the association will contribute to added ice bill and tournament registrations. This includes but is not limited to any fees for Regional and State tournament play.

Commitment Policy

The SYHA recognizes that the success of its program is dependent upon the commitment of all coaches, parents and players. Additionally, hockey is a sport which places substantial focus on a player’s strength within the context of the team. Missed games and/or practices by any player place an undue burden on the ability of a team to adequately perform.

With the in mind, the SYHA’s policy is that any unauthorized missed practices and/or games may result in less game time at the discretion of the head coach. Moreover, this player commits to participate in the entire post season process including, but not limited to, District and/or State Playoff games.

SYHA Waiver Policy

It is the policy of the SYHA to follow Minnesota Hockey’s Participation Policy <https://www.minnesotahockey.org/handbook> regarding waiving players in or out of an

Association in addition to the following:

Waiver in to SYHA

The SYHA will accept waivers in to the SYHA only from those players that meet the residency requirement (attend a Sartell-based K-12 school but live in another city). **Parents must secure a printout from the Sartell school your player is attending validating they are registered for classes for the school year. This document will need to be attached to any waiver request.

Waiver out of SYHA

The SYHA will waiver out of the SYHA only those players that attend school outside Sartell school district boundaries. Once tryouts begin, the SYHA will not waiver out any players to another Association.

Grievance Policy

The SYHA provides an orderly procedure for the discussion and resolution of all problems, concerns and formal grievances. The objective is to resolve issues at the most immediate level. The key criteria and any resolution of an issue is what are best for the respective player, his or her team and the best interest of SYHA.

It is required that before any grievance is presented to a coach, level coordinator, team manager or Board Member, a 24-hour cooling off period should be observed.

- Problems or concerns that have to do with the coaching of the team, such as playing time, positions, practices, etc. should be taken to the coach, level coordinator, or team manager of the respective team.
 - If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, the Board or HOC should be contacted.
- Problems or concerns that have to do with any other team issue that cannot be resolved by level coordinator, or is a broader issue, should be directed to the SYHA Executive Board.
- Specific violations of SYHA Code of Conduct expectations may not apply and are to be handled in the manner outlined in the next section.

The following Addendum(s) can be found at www.sartellhockey.com.

SYHA Bylaws

Addendum A

Hockey Operations Committee

Addendum B

Stormin' Sabres Co-op Agreement

Addendum C

Codes of Conduct, Rights & Responsibilities

Behavior Expectations

Coaches and parents should set a positive example of sportsmanship and good conduct and, in general, be a credit to the SYHA and our community.

The head coach is the person recognized as having responsibility for the team. The coach is not required to bend to parental pressure but shall be available to discuss any situation with the players and/or parents, keeping in mind their responsibility is to coach the whole team and not any one individual. A coach shall have the flexibility to reduce a player's ice time to solve a disciplinary problem if it is in the best interest of the team.

In order to have a uniformed expectation of all participants in SYHA, each player, parent, and coach will be required to sign a specific **Code of Conduct** document at the time of registration for each season. The SYHA's Registrar submits all documents with team registrations with Minnesota Hockey. The Code of Conduct forms are printed on the pages that follow in this handbook.

Player Guidelines

- Play for FUN.
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Respect your coach, your teammates, and your parents, opponents and officials.
- Never argue with an official or a coach's decision.

Following these guidelines, all players are required to sign the Player Code of Conduct at the time of registration for each new season the player is part of the SYHA.

Player Code of Conduct Form

Note: All Players are expected to read at the time of on-line registration and check the box that they've read and comply.

I understand that it is a privilege to play hockey in the Sartell Youth Hockey Association and as a member of the association, I agree to the following:

- I will not swear or use abusive language on the bench, in the locker room, in the arena, and/or at any team function.
- I will not throw or abuse equipment.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers and referees at every game and event.
- I will treat teammates, coaches, opponents, facilities, fans and referees with respect.
- I will not use or possess alcohol; smoke, chew tobacco or use any inhalant or illegal substance at the rink or any team function. This includes the possession of drugs and vaping paraphilia.
- I will express any concern through proper channels in a respectful manner.
- I will respect and adhere to all rules and Code of Conduct of the SYHA, District 5, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
- I understand that any player who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the SYHA handbook.
- I will use social media in a positive manner. I am ultimately responsible for my behavior on social media and will accept the consequences if that action violates the code of conduct.

Player Code of Conduct Consequences

Failure to comply with the player code of conduct is detrimental to the team and will not be tolerated.

Parents are encouraged to work with the coach and/or team manager first with regard to a violation(s) by a player. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, the Executive Board should be contacted.

If needed, after discussion with their coach and/or team manager, a parent may request a meeting with the SYHA Executive Board to bring forth a violation of the player code of conduct. The coach will be notified if a meeting is to take place.

After this meeting, the SYHA Executive Board may determine that the situation be handled by the player's coach or the SYHA may set forth a penalty ranging from a one-game suspension to player removal from the team. Continual abuse of conduct may result in permanent removal from the Sartell Youth Hockey Association.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities and Rights

Responsibilities

- Volunteer.
- Do not force your children to participate in sports but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, make it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice – it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey – and volunteer.
- Don't compare your child with other players. Be honest with yourself when it comes to your child's capabilities.
- Take care of your financial responsibilities.

Rights

- Have the player treated fairly and with respect.
- Have the player playing and practicing in a safe and healthy environment.
- Have the player coached by an effective and qualified adult leader.
- Have the player engaged in playing and practicing activity that increases his/her skill and enjoyment of the sport.
- Know what is expected of your player from the coach.

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct Form

Note: parents read at time of registration and check box that they've read and agree to comply.

As a parent of Sartell youth hockey player (insert name) _____

I understand that:

- It is a privilege, not a right, for my child to play youth hockey.
- Sportsmanship and fair play are essential to the sport of hockey and are important skills that our children learn from youth hockey.
- Our children learn from our example, and we as parents need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, team managers, referees and parents.

Therefore, I agree to the following Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct:

- I will never use abusive behavior towards anyone involved in youth hockey.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers and referees at every game.
- I will not create a public display of anger toward coaches, players, and/or spectators in any arena or via e-mail, letter, and/or phone calls to the team.
- I agree to the 24-hour rule which means no parent in a fit of frustration or anger over their player's playing time, position or coaching will contact the coach in any manner until 24 hours has passed.
- I will respect and adhere to all rules and Code of Conduct of the SYHA, District 5, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
- I will express any concern through proper channels in a respectful manner.
- I understand that any parent who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to disciplinary action at the SYHA discretion.

Parent/Guardian & Date: _____

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Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct Consequences

Violation of the Parent Code of Conduct is detrimental to the team and may be brought forward to the SYHA Board by either the team's coach, manager or a parent on the same team. A meeting with the Executive committee of the SYHA will occur as soon as possible.

The SYHA may set forth a penalty ranging from a verbal warning up to suspending a parent from all team functions for one week to the duration of the season. Continual abuse of conduct may result in permanent removal from the Sartell Youth Hockey Association.

During the sanction, the parent will not be allowed in any facility during a youth hockey event, regardless if that parent has another child on a different team.

Coach's Responsibilities and Rights

Responsibilities

The Coaches code of conduct shall be consistent with the SYHA's mission statement. Personal growth and development of the hockey player should be the focus. Improving one's skills and having competitive teams should also be the goal.

SYHA coaches' responsibilities include:

- Demonstrate a positive attitude to players, coaches and officials. Being a role model, the coach needs to uphold the authority of the officials.
- Be prepared and plan ahead for all practices.
- Be present at all practices and games.
- Make arrangements for assistant coaches to run practices when unable to attend.
- Treat players fairly and be a positive reinforcement.
- The coach will strive to provide each player with positive and constructive feedback.
- I will wear my helmet strapped at all time while on the ice.

Rights

- Be treated with respect by players, parents and the SYHA.
- Access to necessary safety and practice equipment.
- Access to all resource material within the Coaches Corner on SYHA website.

The coaches are accountable to the HOC and the SYHA Board. All SYHA coaches are required to sign the following Code of Conduct at the beginning of each season.

Coach’s Code of Conduct Form

The SYHA takes pride in our coaches. As the highest representative of the SYHA at any game and/or team function, it is important that our coaches set the example for the team and the community.

Therefore:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers and referees any youth hockey event.
- I will treat players, fellow coaches, opponents, facilities, fans and referees with respect.
- I will refrain from the use of any inappropriate language within the presence of players.
- I will respect and adhere to all rules and Code of Conduct of the SYHA, District 5, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
- I understand that if I cannot abide by these rules or violate them, I will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the SYHA Guidebook.

Coaches Signature & Date: _____

Coaches printed name: _____

Team & Season: _____

Coaches Code of Conduct Consequences

Complaint of violation of Coaches Code of Conduct may be brought to the SYHA Board to be dealt with on an individual basis as determined by the SYHA Executive Committee.