



MOUND WESTONKA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The following Code of Conduct will be in effect for all Mound Westonka Hockey Association (MWhA) sponsored events, including games, practices, scrimmages, team meetings or any other MWhA event – on and off the ice. By registering your son/daughter you agree that he/she will abide by this Code of Conduct.

Agreement to this Code of Conduct, by the player and player's parents, is a requirement to participate in the MWhA.

- Take pride in yourself and your team; follow directions of the coaching staff; work hard in practice and games; and be willing to accept constructive criticism.
- Be a competitor, perform up to your ability and contribute to team unity. Compliment teammates and let the coach handle criticism.
- Show respect towards referees, coaches, players, parents, and fans of both teams.
- Good conduct on and off the ice. If it wouldn't be tolerated at home or at school, it will not be tolerated at MWhA sponsored events. This also includes, but is not limited to digital communication social media content such as email, text messaging or Internet postings.
- Participation at all games and practices is expected. You should notify coaches of absences as soon as possible prior to any planned event.
- Use proper equipment; keep it clean and in good repair. Ensure compliance with all USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey standards (i.e. expiration dates of helmets)
- A responsible attitude toward your health – be aware of, and adhere to, the USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, and MWhA policies on drinking, tobacco usage and drugs.
- Good school behavior, habits, grades, attendance etc.

The player's rights include:

- Participation at a level commensurate with maturity and ability in a safe and healthy environment.
- To be treated with fairness and dignity.
- To be taught fundamentals and sportsmanship, have the opportunity to develop both hockey skills and "life skills", and strive for success.

The MWhA follows the attributes from the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy that applies to players, parents and coaches on and off the ice. Examples of non-compliance of the Codes of Conduct include:

- Visually demonstrating any sign of dissatisfaction with any game or team official in a manner that openly embarrasses the Official and/or challenges his or her judgment.
- Use of profane, obscene, abusive or vulgar language, gestures, racial/ethnic slurs including inappropriate language, in a boisterous manner at anyone at any time, on the ice or anywhere in the rink before, during and after a game or practice.
- During stoppage of a game, intentionally knocks, throws or shoots the puck out of



reach of an official who is retrieving it.

- Deliberate throwing of anything into the player's boxes, spectators viewing area, penalty box, or on-ice surface that in ANY manner creates a safety hazard.
- Interference in any nonphysical manner with any Game Official including other Players, Referees, Coaches, Timekeepers, other Parents, or Goal Judges in the performance of their duties.
- Touching or holding the referee, Linesman or any other Game Official with his/her hand or stick.
- Deliberately inflicting physical harm to any Game Official, Player and/or parent in ANY manner or attempts to do so.
- Behavior in ANY manner that is critically detrimental to the conduction of the game, including spitting at opponents and/or spectators, Game Officials or verbally threatening a Game Official with physical harm.
- Taunting players, coaches, Officials or other spectators by mean of baiting, ridiculing, threatening physical violence, or physical violence. This includes physical or verbal "bullying" of other teammates/players in locker rooms.
- This is by no means a complete list of violations.

Actions that deviate from the conduct principles established by District 3, Minnesota Hockey, SafeSport and USA Hockey or which disrupt the teams' ability to function, other players' ability to learn, the coach's ability to teach, or poor representation of the MWAHA in other cities or arenas will not be tolerated.

Every MWAHA member is required to follow the code of conduct policies. If a player violation occurs, procedures of first, second, and third offenses are followed.

- **First Offense:** The coach may limit my playing time, up to 1 game maximum, and notify the Level Director and Hockey Operations Director. Based on the seriousness of the incident the Board of Directors may also be notified and the Board may take further action.
- **Second Offense:** Upon the second offense in the same season, the MWAHA Grievance and Disciplinary Committee will be notified. The Committee will conduct a hearing with the player's parent(s), the player (optional), level director, and the coach. Discipline consistent with the violation may be given, as well as placement on probation.
- **Third Offense:** Suspension from all team activities for the remainder of the season, following a MWAHA Board of Directors hearing.
- NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN WHEN CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS RESULT IN SUSPENSION.

PLEASE NOTE: Based on the seriousness of the offense, the Board holds the right to take further action, including immediate suspension and/or permanent dismissal from MWAHA activities. In accordance with policies in effect at the time, the appropriate body within Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey will be notified.

This Code of Conduct supports Minnesota Hockey core values of: SPORTSMANSHIP, RESPECT, INTEGRITY, PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, ENJOYMENT, LOYALTY and TEAMWORK.