

PARENT/VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

All parents and volunteers of the Madison Patriots or Madison Dragons under the Patriots Youth Hockey Association (PYHA) and USA Hockey are ambassadors of the Patriots Youth Hockey Association (PYHA) and USA Hockey, both on and off the ice. We are all committed to conduct ourselves in a positive manner. Whether you are at our home rink or away rink, in the locker room, traveling to tournaments, at a hotel, or at any Patriot/team events. It is our mission **TO FACILITATE A POSITIVE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL INVOLVED, AT ALL TIMES.**

1. It is **VITAL**, that you and your skater review the "Skater Code of Conduct" prior to the beginning of the season
2. I **UNDERSTAND** that the people active in leading, managing, and supporting in PYHA are unpaid volunteers.
3. I **UNDERSTAND** that if I violate this Code of Conduct, I **WILL** be disciplined.
4. I **UNDERSTAND** the items listed below also apply to all social media platforms.
5. For the safety, privacy, and protection of all players, I **UNDERSTAND** the use of cell phones, or any recording devices is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**, in the locker room **AT ALL TIMES**. This policy applies to players, coaches, and team personnel, and is in line with USA Hockey's SafeSport Guidelines.
6. I **WILL** assure that any expression of disagreement or concern, with respect to the participation of mine or other players, will be held with the coach or a PYHA Volunteer at an appropriate time, in an appropriate manner, and out of the presence of players, other parents, or spectators. If my concern does not demand an immediate response (such as a safety concern), **I WILL REFRAIN FROM RAISING MY CONCERN FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS TO HELP ENSURE IT IS RATIONALLY ADDRESSED.**
7. I **WILL** remember that the PYHA program and youth hockey is exclusively intended to benefit the players and not the parents.
8. I **WILL** encourage and **DEMAND** that my son/daughter treat other players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators with dignity and respect regardless of abilities, age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, or socio-economic status.
9. I **WILL** encourage and **DEMAND** that my son/daughter treat all players, coaches, parents, volunteers, and officials with dignity and respect in language, attitude, behavior, and mannerisms.
10. I **WILL** provide positive support and encouragement for my skater and emphasize the importance of achieving common goals through teamwork.
11. I understand club evaluators try to be as fair as possible and **WILL** support their team placement decisions to my player and other parents.
12. I **WILL** refrain from using profanity, aggression, intimidation, or violence, and will discourage their use by team members, other parents, volunteers, and spectators.
13. I **WILL** refrain from coaching my child or other players from the stands.
14. I **WILL** encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the Head Coach's strategy.
15. I **WILL** promote the emotional and physical well-being of all the players ahead of any personal desire to win.
16. I **WILL NOT** bully any parent, player, coach, spectator, volunteer, or referee, from the Dragons, Patriots, or any other association.
17. I **WILL** teach my son/daughter to play by the rules of hockey and resolve on and/or off ice conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
18. I **WILL** support the referees, coaches, and volunteers by trusting their judgement and integrity by showing respect and appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to hockey for my child.
19. I **WILL** treat the property and equipment at Hartmeyer Ice Arena and any other rink or facility where my skaters team goes, with respect. I will make sure my son/daughter respects this rule.
20. I **WILL** attempt to learn about the game of hockey (USA Hockey rules, equipment, levels, skills, etc.) so that I may best support my child's development of the game.
21. I **WILL** support the hockey program and become involved to whatever extent I am able.
22. I understand that no alcohol or mind-altering substances are allowed in the playing area during Dragons or Patriots events.
23. If I fail to abide by these rules and guidelines, it **WILL** result in any of the following disciplinary actions:
 - First Offense - The ALD will speak with the parent and others who witnessed the incident, resulting in a written warning.
 - Second Offense - The parent will appear before the Board to explain the incident and be suspended from all games and practices for the period of **ONE** month.
 - Third Offense – The parent will again, appear before the Board to explain their actions. The parent will then be suspended from all practices and games for **THE BALANCE OF THE SEASON**. At which time, the board will discuss if the parent will be allowed to continue participating in PYHA activities, both on and off the ice after the penalty is served. This could result in an **INDEFINITE SUSPENSION** for PYHA activities.

NOTE: Violating the Code of Conduct is CUMULATIVE so that violations from prior seasons, do carry forward to the current season.

Repeated and/or dangerous actions may be referred directly to the Board for accelerated action. When continued disregard for the rules seriously disrupts club and/or team activities or behavior is determined to be dangerous or extremely disruptive to others, the Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate club membership.

I understand the above and that any variations or combinations of the above actions **MAY** or **MAY NOT** necessarily be taken in an escalated manner, and PYHA reserves the right to select and impose any penalty or consequence appropriate to the situation and consistent with the recommendation of the ALD, PYHA Parent Review Committee, or PYHA Board of Directors.

Name of Child Athlete: _____ Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____