

GLENVIEW STARS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC TRAVEL PARENT AND PLAYER EXPECTATION GUIDELINES

Glenview Stars Mission Statement

The Mission of the Glenview Stars Hockey Association, Inc. (GSHA) is to provide a venue for youth hockey players of all ages to play hockey at a competitive level and to assist such players in the development of their hockey skills as well as foster a growing appreciation for the game of hockey.

GSHA intends to provide an opportunity and positive atmosphere for all players to participate in the game of hockey. In addition, GSHA desires to promote self esteem, good character and strong work ethic, on and off the ice. GSHA will encourage sportsmanship and cultivate a healthy and productive hockey program.

I. Commitment

- All players must be “committed” to their team.
- All efforts must be made to attend every practice and game on time.
- Team managers must be notified in advance of any absence from a practice or a game.
- In cases of habitual or unexcused absences from practice or games, the coach will determine the appropriate measure of action.
- Travel hockey is a competitive sport; equal ice time is not required and should not be expected by the player or parents.
- A typical season will run from September through mid-March.
- There will be Parent/Team/Coach meetings throughout the season that all parents, players and coaches will be expected to attend.
- All players and parents should be aware that there may be some practices, games and tournaments that occur during holiday periods.
- GSHA strongly encourages volunteerism by every family to not only benefit the organization, but to enrich the overall family experience of hockey.

A. Skills Sessions

- All skills sessions are mandatory for all players.
- Managers must be notified of absence.
- In the case of 3 or more absences for the skills session, that player may be subject to a one period suspension in the next game.
- Any player that is disruptive during a skills session will be removed from the ice.
- Players from all teams at each level must share the designated locker rooms.

B. Attire

- Player must wear the required jerseys and matching socks to all games.
- Jerseys are to be worn for games only.
- Player must purchase jersey from the vendor or supplier determined by the Stars organization.
- Each player must have a white helmet and navy blue pants.
- All players must dress in the designated team locker room.

- No player shall dress in the lobby.
- Neck guards and mouth guards are required for players for all games and practices as mandated by USA Hockey.

C. Hockey Fees

- All fees must be paid on time.
- Financial hardship will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the board of Directors.

II. Zero Tolerance Rule

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable, enjoyable and safe activity for all involved, GHSA along with Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois implements an absolute zero tolerance policy.

- Know the rules and abide by them.
- All GHSA players and parents shall show respect for teammates, coaches, parents, opponents and officials.
- Bullying on the ice or in the locker room by player or parent will not be tolerated.
- Parents and Players will not engage in harassing, harmful or demeaning behavior towards a player, parent, volunteer, coach or organization through electronic or social media.
- Any confrontation with the coaches or officials by the players or parents-whether verbal or physical-will be deemed in violation of the rules.

A. Players Code of Conduct

- Players will not dispute, argue or visually demonstrate any sign of dissatisfaction from any decision made by an official.
- Use of obscene or vulgar language including swearing is strictly prohibited, even if not directed at a particular person.
- The use of derogatory comments with respect to one's race, ethnic heritage, religion or gender is strictly prohibited.
- Any physical contact after the whistle has been blown will not be tolerated.
- Taunting of other players is strictly prohibited.
- Any fighting penalty that results in suspension will be in violation of the zero tolerance rules with separate penalties assessed by GSHA.
- Locker boxing is prohibited.
- Cellular phones and cameras are not allowed in the locker rooms.
- Disruptive behavior at team practices or games is unacceptable and will be addressed by the coach.

B. Parents Code of Conduct

Parents are a critical component of any team and shall be responsible for your child's well being and for his/her transportation to and from the rink. Support your child's love of hockey by getting him/her to ALL practices and games on time, by making sure they have all their equipment and by emphasizing the importance of teamwork, commitment, perseverance and good sportsmanship. Parents can be

suspended from games, practices and presence in the rink for violations of the Zero Tolerance Rules. Those rules may include but are not limited to the following:

- If you have a situation where you feel the need to contact the coach, go through the team manager first. A **“24 hour rule”** cooling off period applies before any contact with the coach can be made.
- Parents who have confrontations with the coaches in rink areas will be considered in violation of zero tolerance.
- The use of vulgar language, including swearing in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time in the rink area, lobby area, and outside the rink i.e. parking lot before, during or after a game is prohibited.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of violence or actual physical violence is a violation of the Zero Tolerance rule.
- The use of derogatory or defaming vernacular for one’s race, ethnic heritage, religion or gender is considered a violation of zero tolerance.
- Throwing of any object in the spectators’ viewing area, players’ bench, penalty box or on ice service as to create a safety hazard.
- Any spectator who must be removed from the rink area, whether inside or out, will receive maximum penalties which may include permanent suspension.
- Any behavior where law enforcement is required to settle disputes or actions will result in automatic suspension.
- Use of Glenview Star’s player or parent contacts is for official team matters only. Use of contacts for post-game analysis, ridicule, personal platforms, solicitation of personal business or any other inappropriate manner is strictly prohibited.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ABOVE ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. WE ALSO AGREE TO ACCEPT ACTIONS TAKEN FOR FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AND GUIDELINES.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print)	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian	Date
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Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print)	Signature Parent/Legal Guardian	Date
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Player Name (Print)	Signature Player	Date
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