



Mounds View Irondale Youth Hockey

Player Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct will be in effect for all Mounds View Irondale Youth Hockey Association ("MVIYHA") sponsored events, including games, practices, scrimmages, team meetings or any other MVIYHA events – both on and off the ice.

As a MVIYHA player you are expected to:

- 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 player development.
- Show respect toward referees, coaches, players, parents, and fans of all teams.
- Have good conduct on and off the ice. If it would not be tolerated at home or at school, it will not be tolerated at MVIYHA sponsored events. This also includes but is not limited to social media content such as email, text messaging or internet postings.
- Be on time and attend and participate in all games and practices. Attendance at all games and practices is expected. You should notify coaches of absences as soon as possible prior to any planned event.
- Have a responsible attitude toward your health – be aware of and adhere to the USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey substance policies.

The player's rights include:

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

MVIYHA follows the attributes from the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance criteria used for PLAYERS, PARENTS, and COACHES on and off the ice. Examples of non-compliance of the Codes of Conduct are:

- Visually demonstrating any sign of dissatisfaction with any game or team official in a manner that openly embarrasses the Official and/or challenge 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, practice or MVIYHA event.
- During stoppage of a game, intentionally throws or shoots the puck out of reach of an official who is retrieving it.
- Deliberate throwing of a stick, garbage, or other equipment 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 in the performance of their duties.
- Touching or holding the referee, linesman or any other Game Official with any part of a player's body or stick.
- Deliberately inflicting physical harm to any Game Official, Player and/or parent in ANY manner or attempts to do so.
- Behaviors in ANY manner that is critically detrimental to the condition 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 means of baiting, ridiculing, threatening physical violence, or physical violence. This includes physical or verbal “bullying” of other teammates/players in locker rooms.

This is not a complete list of violations. EVERY Association member is required to follow the code of conduct policies. If a violation does occur, MVHYA procedures will be followed. PLEASE NOTE: Based on the seriousness of the offense, the MVIYHA Board, or it’s designated committee hold the right to take further action; including immediate suspension and/or permanent dismissal from Association activities.

I agree to follow this Code of Conduct as a member of the MVIYHA team to which I am assigned. Consistent action deviating from these values, or which disrupt the team’s ability to function, other players ability to learn, or the coach’s ability to teach will not be tolerated. I agree to the following procedures:

Process: As outlined in the MVIYHA Handbook and By-Laws and in concert with USA Hockey Safety Resources; the MVIYHA Mediation Committee, as authorized by the MVIYHA Board of Directors through the Executive Committee, shall govern review of violations and disciplinary actions.

Team Specific Offense: I agree that my coach may limit my playing time, up to 1 game maximum, and notify the Level Director and the MVIYHA Executive Committee on my actions. Based on the seriousness, MVIYHA may take further action.

Breach of MVIYHA Code of Conduct: The MVIYHA Executive Committee will be notified (Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice President, Director of Hockey, Director of Operations and Treasurer) and will convene a MVIYHA Mediation Committee made up of members from the Executive Committee, Boys and Girls Coordinators, Level Coordinators and/or other members chosen by the Executive Committee. The Mediation Committee will conduct a hearing with the player’s parent(s), the player (optional) and the coach. Discipline consistent with the violation may be given as a result of the hearing including: (a) loss of ice time; (b) suspension from all team activities for a period of time up to the remainder of the season. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN as a result of disciplinary action by the Mediation Committee.

If the violation occurs at the end of the season, the consequence will carry over to the next season.

I, _____, agree to abide by the Mounds View Irondale Youth Hockey Association Player Code of Conduct for the _____ season. This Code of Conduct supports Minnesota Hockey core values of: RESPECT, INTEGRITY, PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE, ENJOYMENT, LOYALTY and TEAMWORK.

Signing of this agreement by both player and parent(s) is a requirement to play in MVIYHA.

Parent/ Caregiver Signature

Player’s Signature

Parent/ Caregiver Signature

Date