

Petoskey Area Hockey Association

Code of Conduct

The Petoskey Area Hockey Association (PAHA) is committed to providing a safe, positive, and rewarding environment for all participants. This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for athletes, parents, coaches, and all members of our hockey community.

PAHA holds all participants to a high standard of sportsmanship, respect, and integrity. By following this Code of Conduct, we ensure that hockey remains a fun, competitive, and character-building experience for everyone involved.

Acknowledgment & Compliance

All players, parents/guardians, and coaches are required to review and acknowledge this Code of Conduct prior to the start of the season and are expected to uphold these standards throughout the entire season.

Enforcement

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including temporary or permanent suspension, as determined by the PAHA Board of Directors.

Code of Conduct for Players

As a PAHA player, I will:

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship toward teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, and spectators—win or lose.
 - Show commitment by attending practices and games consistently and giving my best effort.
 - Support and encourage my teammates, recognizing effort and improvement.
 - Act with honesty, fairness, and respect at all times.
 - Strive to learn, improve, and grow both as a player and as a person.
 - Arrive on time, prepared, and ready to focus during practices and games.
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Code of Conduct for Parents & Guardians

As a PAHA parent/guardian, I will:

- Place the emotional and physical well-being of all players above any desire to win.
 - Treat players, coaches, officials, and other families with respect at all times.
 - Respect the decisions of coaches and officials.
 - Refrain from the use of profanity, threats, or any form of verbal or physical abuse.
 - Avoid coaching from the stands and allow coaches to guide player development.
 - Model positive sportsmanship and behavior for all participants.
 - Refrain from belittling, criticizing, or ridiculing any individual involved in youth sports—in person, in private, or online.
 - Contribute to a positive, fun, and supportive environment for all players.
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Code of Conduct for Coaches

As a PAHA coach, I will:

- Prioritize a positive and educational experience for all players, recognizing that development and enjoyment come before winning.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of athletes above personal or competitive goals.
- Follow all league, safety, and USA Hockey guidelines and protocols.
- Communicate with officials respectfully and professionally at all times.
- Refrain from any behavior that belittles, intimidates, or disrespects others—in public, private, or online.
- Treat opposing teams, coaches, and officials with respect, and represent PAHA and the community with integrity.