



Lower Cape Coyotes: Code of Conduct - Violations and Penalties

Failure to abide by the Lower Cape Coyotes Code of Conduct*, rules of the South Shore Conference, USA Hockey & Massachusetts Hockey, and any SafeSport violations, will result in the player/parent/coach to be subjected to the following penalties.

1. Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in a warning from the coach, a suspension from a game, or removal from the team, depending on the severity of the offense.
2. Disciplinary actions rest primarily with the Head Coach and secondarily with the LCCYH Board of Directors.
 - a. Any player, coach, or parent/guardian who receives disciplinary action will be notified and invited to appear before the LCCYH Board of Directors concerning any decisions on discipline.
 - b. A player, parent or coach who engages in physical or verbal abuse, uses offensive language, or possesses or uses illegal substances may be immediately suspended from the team and referred to the appropriate authorities.
 - c. Any player, coach or parent who is given a game misconduct penalty by an on ice official will be subjected to consequences deemed fit by the league, the Coyotes, and Mass/USA Hockey.
 - d. A player who is suspended from the team for any reason must meet with the coach and the LCCYH Board of Directors before being reinstated.
 - e. Actions by a player considered serious enough to warrant expulsion from the program will be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
 - f. A player who is removed from the team for any reason forfeits any right to a refund of team fees or expenses.
3. Physical altercations are not tolerated within the Coyotes organization, or within the South Shore Conference/Mass Hockey/USA Hockey. Fighting during games will immediately result in a major penalty called by the official and will receive a game misconduct plus a minimum three (3) game suspension.

1st Offense - Warning

1. Meeting with coaches and parents to discuss the incident.
2. Player and their parent/guardian will receive a written warning for the 1st offense.



Note: Depending on severity of incident, additional or more severe punishment could be administered inclusive of suspension and dismissal from the program. In the case of fighting, visually and/or verbally demonstrating signs of dissatisfaction with an official's decision, another player, or a coach, the player/parent will be suspended for a minimum of one game and practices leading up to that game, or whatever Mass Hockey/USA Hockey mandates at the time of the infraction.

2nd Offense - Suspension

1. Meeting with coaches, LCCYH Board of Directors and parents to discuss the incident.
2. Written notice of suspension is given. While on suspension the person may not participate in any Coyotes events. Suspension periods will be determined by the LCCYH Board of Directors.

Note: Depending on severity of incident, additional or more severe punishment could be administered inclusive of suspension and dismissal from the program. In the case of fighting, visually and/or verbally demonstrating signs of dissatisfaction with an official's decision, another player, or a coach, the player/parent will be expelled from Lower Cape Coyotes for the season without refund and/or permanent Lower Cape Coyotes expulsion.

3rd Offense - Expulsion

1. Player and their parent/guardian will receive a written notice of the player's 3rd offense.
2. In all cases, a third incident will result in an emergency vote of the Board of Directors for the expulsion of the player in question from the Lower Cape Coyotes without refund. An invitation for a meeting with the coaches and LCCYH Board of Directors will be issued to the parent/guardian to discuss the incident and the board vote.

* Upon completing the season registration, the player and parent/guardian has agreed to abide by the Lower Cape Coyotes' Code of Conduct and has agreed and acknowledged that failure to abide by the Code of Conduct will result in the consequences above. All enforcement decisions made by the Board of Directors of Lower Cape Coyotes are final and not subject to review.