

Osseo-Maple Grove Youth Hockey Association Player Code of Conduct Policy

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The intent of the Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association (OMGHA) Player Code of Conduct policy is to adhere to the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy and the SafeSport Handbook and make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants. As such, all OMGHA players agree:

1. To take pride in their team and contribute to the team's unity. To adhere strictly to the coach's rules and be supportive of the coach's practice plans, game plans, and other decisions. To participate in all games and practices unless there is a compelling reason for missing. To notify the coach or manager in advance when they must miss. A reason such as religion class, school activity, illness, etc. must also be given. To be at the rink by the appointed time as set by the coach.
2. No player shall criticize another teammate's play. Hockey is recognized as a team sport; as such the interests of the team shall take precedence over individual exploits. There will be zero tolerance for abusive behavior (including social media) intended to demean or harass a teammate.
3. No player shall criticize referees. The only individuals who may speak to officials are the coaches and/or designated captains under the instructions of their coaches. There will be zero tolerance of abusive behavior, harassment, obscene language or gestures and other behavior deemed to be abusive directed toward referees.
4. All players are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner. All players are expected to be attentive when coaches explain practices drills, game strategies, or pass along other information or instructions. Destructive or delinquent behavior in the locker room and/or before, during, or after a game or practice, will not be tolerated.
5. Behavior identified in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 above is subject to the specifics of the First, Second, and Third offense guidelines listed below under the Player Behavior Discipline Guidelines. Level Directors have the authority to escalate any situation to the appropriate level dependent on the severity of the incident.
6. No attempt should be made to deliberately injure another player(s). Any player incurring a MATCH penalty for "Attempt to Injure" or other offense deemed equally serious by the coach shall be subject to suspension beyond the USA HOCKEY rules as deemed appropriate by the OMGHA Board. The level director will be notified as soon as possible of the incident.
7. All players will adhere to the OMGHA policies regarding Substance Use and Weapons.
8. All players will adhere to the OMGHA policies regarding social media. Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms.

Player Behavior Discipline Guidelines

There will be ZERO tolerance of abusive behavior. Harassment, obscene language or gestures, and other behavior deemed to be abusive directed toward coaches, teammates, referees, officials, opponents, spectators or association officials, will not be tolerated and will have the following consequences:

First Offense: The player will be verbally warned by the coach with the parent/guardian present. The level director will document the action.

Second Offense: The player will be removed from the game, practice or other team event. In the case of a game or practice the player will be required to leave the premises and will be warned in writing and the level director notified as soon as possible.

Third Offense: The player will be removed from the team pending a meeting with the OMGHA Board. Penalties will range from a three game suspension to removal from the team for the remainder of the season. Any player misconduct not specifically alluded to above will be dealt with on an individual basis by the OMGHA Board.

Failure to sign and follow the code of conduct will result in an incomplete registration status for tryouts and the start of the season.

I agree to treat my fellow teammates, OMGHA coaches, OMGHA representatives, referees and other association members with respect in my participation on an OMGHA team by following this Code of Conduct.

Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____