



Bay County Blizzard Association Code of Conduct

Our goal as an organization is to provide a safe and supportive environment for all enjoying the great sport of hockey. This Blizzard Code of Conduct is designed to promote the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and respect for all participants in hockey. Each member of the Blizzard Organization, including administrators, coaches, team managers, players, and parents are expected to adhere to the following codes, including those of MAHA and USA Hockey.

Player Name: _____ **Division:** _____ **Year:** _____

Blizzard Administrator's Code of Conduct:

1. Follow the rules and regulations of USA Hockey and the Bay County Blizzard to enhance the association's philosophy and objectives.
2. Support and promote programs that educate and train players, coaches, parents, officials, and volunteers and provide a positive experience for all.
3. Communicate effectively with parents, coaches, team managers and other administrators, and be available to address questions and concerns throughout the season.
4. Strive to provide fair and sportsmanship-oriented programs for participants at all skill levels. I will encourage good sportsmanship through my actions, by demonstrating positive support for all players.
5. Recruit volunteers and coaches who exemplify positive role-modeling for youth in the sport.
6. Encourage attendance at USA Hockey clinics for coaches and officials.
7. Ensure a place to play for everyone, regardless of skill level within the BCHA.
8. Be familiar with and adhere to the USA Hockey Annual Guide and playing rules.
9. Develop administrators within the association for advancement.
10. Treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with dignity and respect in language, attitude, behavior, and mannerisms.

Coach's Code of Conduct:

1. Prioritize the enjoyment, emotional and physical well-being of the players over any personal desire to win.
2. Be a positive role model, display emotional maturity, and ensure the physical safety of players.

3. Provide consistent, honest, and fair feedback; avoid public criticism of players.
4. Be adaptable to players' needs, listen actively, and avoid verbal or physical abuse.
5. Organize fun and challenging practices, emphasizing teamwork.
6. Maintain open communication with players' parents, explaining association goals.
7. Promote overall player development, stressing good health habits and clean living.
8. Take responsibility for the safety and well-being of players once they enter the locker room until they have exited during practices or games.
9. Demand my athletes treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.

Player's Code of Conduct:

1. Play for fun and work hard to improve skills.
2. Be a team player, get along with teammates, and learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
3. Be punctual and adhere to the rules of the game.
4. Show respect for coaches, teammates, parents, opponents, and officials.
5. Never argue with an official's decision.
6. Respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility, both home and away.
7. Conduct yourself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc.) during all team functions.

Parents play a major role when it comes to influencing youth hockey players to display good sportsmanship. Children often see their parents as role models and look to replicate their actions. The Bay County Hockey Association requires parents to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for youth sports and represent the Blizzard organization with respectful behavior towards players, coaches, administrators, game officials, etc. at all team events.

Parent's Code of Conduct:

1. Support children's desires to participate in sports for enjoyment. Make it fun. I will remember that my child plays hockey for his/her enjoyment, not mine.
2. Encourage rule adherence and applaud good plays from both teams.
3. Avoid embarrassing children through negative behavior toward players, coaches, or officials. Show a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
4. Emphasize skill development over competition in younger age groups.
5. Know and support the rules of the game and support officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
6. Applaud effort in both victory and defeat, and respect coaches.
7. Be responsible for their children's actions outside of the rink during all team events.

8. Ensure children are watched at hotel during tournaments, and prohibit unsupervised running at hotels, rinks, or events.
9. In the event of issues within the teammates, whether through group messaging, bullying, or at a hotel, it is recommended to articulate concerns in writing to a coach and the responsible parent to reach a common agreement on how to handle on and off ice matters.
10. Display good sportsmanship and respect for players, coaches, and officials.
11. Act appropriately, avoiding taunting or disturbing other fans.
12. Cheer positively, avoiding profanity or objectionable cheers.
13. Ensure a safe and fun environment by refraining from throwing items on the ice.
14. Avoid leaning over or pounding on the glass surrounding the ice surface.
15. Trust the judgment and integrity of referees and coaches.
16. Be responsible for personal safety and prevent accidents.
17. Respect locker rooms as private areas.
18. Be supportive after the game, recognizing good effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
19. Hold other spectators accountable that come to see your player's game to this code of conduct.
20. Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of the athlete or the safety of others.

Examples of words or actions which will constitute a violation of the Code include, but are not limited to the following:

- Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel, or spectator.
- Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel, or spectator.
- Going into the locker/dressing room of an opposing team or obstructing their access to said room.
- Going into the officials' locker/dressing room or obstructing their access to said room.
- Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms.
- Going onto the ice surface.
- Throwing of any object onto the ice surface.
- Pounding or climbing on the glass.
- Defacing or destroying property belonging to any individual, team, association, or arena.
- Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials.
- Inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above behaviors.
- Any other conduct that is not in compliance with the tenets of this code of conduct.

By participating in the Bay County Hockey Association and Blizzard House and Travel teams, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by the code of conduct. I understand that any violation may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to playing time, suspension or expulsion from the team or association.

Please sign the appropriate line:

Player Signature	Print Name	Date
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Parent / Guardian 1 Signature	Print Name	Date
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Parent / Guardian 2 Signature	Print Name	Date
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Coach	Print Name	Date
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Asst. Coach	Print Name	Date
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Team Manager	Print Name	Date
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