



Ayr Minor Hockey Association Code of Conduct

The **Player, Parents or Guardians** (collectively referred to as “**Participants**”), must agree to this Code of Conduct (“**Code**”) as a condition of membership in the Ayr Minor Hockey Association (“**AMHA**”). At the start of each season, each of the Participants must sign this Code and submit it to the Player’s Head Coach prior to beginning ice sessions.

Governing Standards of Conduct

- 1.** We, the Participants, understand that being allowed to play hockey with the AMHA is a privilege and that full compliance with the Code is required at all times.
- 2.** I, the Player, agree to abide fully by the rules of the game applicable to the level of play in which my team participates.
- 3.** We, the Participants, understand that we must set an example, and conduct ourselves respectfully and with courtesy towards everyone associated with the game and that our team, the organization and myself will be judged by our behaviour.
- 4.** We, the Participants, understand that any irresponsible or disrespectful behaviour in any club facility and/or toward any Coach, Officials, players, or parents whether before, during or after a game or practice is inappropriate and will not be tolerated.
- 5.** We, the Participants, understand that yelling, taunting, use of obscene gestures or language, racial or ethnic slurs, striking or attempting to strike (except allowable on ice body contact under league rules) or otherwise abusing another player, Official, Coach or spectator will not be tolerated.
- 6.** We, the Participants, understand that we must abide by and respect the officials and their authority during any and all games. We will not question or confront officials whether before, during or after the game.
- 7.** We, the Participants, will not publicly criticize or question Coaches, teammates, opponents or Officials and shall only raise our concerns privately in a civil and respectful manner.
- 8.** I, the Player, understand that I am expected to attend every practice and game to the best of my ability and participate in all skill development sessions where applicable. It is my responsibility to notify my coach if I am unable to attend. I understand that repeated absences may result in discipline as determined by my coach.
- 9.** I, the Player, understand that winning is not everything and that having fun, improving skills, making friends and learning sportsmanship is the primary goal of AMHA. Winning and losing will be done with equal grace and dignity.
- 10.** We, the Participants, understand that failure to abide by this Code will result in disciplinary actions as set out in this Code (see back of page for further details).

I have reviewed this Code of Conduct, and if I am a Player I have discussed its contents with my Parent or Guardian, who also agree to be bound by the standards outlined above.

Player Signature

Parent/Guardian Print Name

Parent/Guardian Signature*

*(Signature of one parent/guardian constitutes agreement by all of the player’s parents/guardians to abide by the Code of Conduct)

AMHA's Drug and Alcohol Policy

The Ayr Minor Hockey Association enforces a "Zero Tolerance" policy with respect to the use of drugs and alcohol by all AMHA players, coaches and bench staff. Any player, coach or bench staff member found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during practices or games will be subjected to an automatic 1 game suspension. Multiple violations of this policy will be severely dealt with by the AMHA Board of Directors and will lead to multi-game suspensions, mandatory attendance of drug and alcohol abuse programs, and ultimately removal of AMHA membership privileges.

AMHA's 24 Hour Rule

The best way to avoid situations that can lead to a violation of the AMHA Code of Conduct is to use the "24 Hour Rule". The AMHA endorses this rule and mandates its application to all its sanctioned events.

Simply put, if an incident occurs at a game or practice that is likely to create a conflict, everyone involved must step back and reflect on the situation for a period of at least 24 hours. After 24 hours have passed the Participant having an issue must first raise the concern with the team Parent Representative. The Parent Representative will discuss the issue with the Team Coach who will render a decision on the matter.

Where the Participant remains dissatisfied with the Coach's resolution of the matter, the issue must be reduced to writing with full particulars and submitted to the League Convenor for further deliberation in accordance with AMHA policy and procedure.

Disciplinary Actions Resulting from a Breach of the AMHA Code of Conduct

First Offense

- Verbal warning to the player and/or parents/guardians by head coach who will also provide a written notice to the AMHA convenor.

Second Offense

- Written warning by head coach to the player and/or parents/guardians along with an automatic one game suspension. The head coach will provide a written notice to his AMHA convenor who will provide a copy to the AMHA Board of Directors.

Third Offense

- In the case of a player, immediate suspension from all team activities until further notice. The head coach will provide a written notice to his AMHA convenor who will provide a copy to the AMHA Board. The Board will initiate a Disciplinary Committee review of the player's conduct and issue a formal written response along with details of the term of suspension.
- In the case of a parent/guardian, immediate suspension of rights to attend all team activities until further notice. The head coach will provide a written notice to his AMHA convenor who will provide a copy to the AMHA Board. The Board will initiate a Disciplinary Committee review of the parent's/guardian's conduct and issue a formal written response along with details of the term of suspension.

Fourth Offense

- In the case of a player, immediate suspension from all team activities until further notice. The head coach will provide a written notice to his AMHA convenor who will provide a copy to the AMHA Board. The Board will initiate a Disciplinary Committee review of the player's conduct and issue a formal written response informing the player of his suspension for the remainder of the season. At the Board's discretion, the player may also permanently lose his/her right to membership in the AMHA.
- In the case of a parent/guardian, immediate suspension of rights to attend all team activities. The head coach will provide a written notice to his AMHA convenor who will provide a copy to the AMHA Board. The Board will initiate a Disciplinary Committee review of the parent's/guardian's conduct and issue a formal written response informing the parent/guardian of their suspension for the remainder of the season. At the Board's discretion, the parent/guardian and therefore the associated player may also permanently lose their right to membership in the Ayr Minor Hockey Association.

The AMHA Board of directors will maintain a permanent record of all breaches of the AMHA Code of Conduct and will take into account historical information when ruling on disciplinary action.