



Eureka Hockey Club Code of Conduct

Each player, and parent/legal guardian of a player, as members of the Eureka Hockey Club, agree to adhere to the following Code of Conduct as a prerequisite to participation in the hockey program. All directors, coaches, and other officials are instructed to carry out the enforcement of the Code of Conduct.

PHILOSOPHY

The Club is dedicated to providing students of Eureka High School and surrounding schools the opportunity to compete in and enjoy the sport of ice hockey at the high school level. At the same time, it is the Club's intention to promote the values of sportsmanship, discipline and self-respect into participants. Selection to a team is both an honor and a privilege, and as such, carries responsibilities commensurate with leadership roles. As leaders, and as very visible representatives of the respective school they represent, athletes have the obligation to represent themselves in a positive manner. Failure to comply will lead to consequences and ultimately to dismissal from the Club.

Participants in the Club's program have a responsibility to adhere to the policies established by the Eureka Hockey Club as well as those policies established by MidStates Hockey.

There is no differentiation of consequences for in-season or out-of-season participation, and a penalty may carry over from season to season and/or year to year. Rule enforcement will be consistent and immediate.

PLAYER'S CODE

As a student-athlete and member of the Eureka Hockey Club, I recognize that I have a responsibility to conduct myself in a manner that represents me, my family, my team, my school and my community with dignity. I further understand that actions I choose to commit which negatively impact myself, family, team, school or community are grounds for consequences, up to and including dismissal from the team and the Club. I understand that the Club Code of Conduct applies on a daily basis, throughout my entire participation in the Club.

I understand that I will be subject to discipline if I commit any of the following actions:

- Use, possession, sale or transfer of alcohol
- Use, possession, sale or transfer of a controlled or illegal substance (including, but not limited to, mood-altering drugs and performance enhancing substances)
- Use, possession, sale or transfer of tobacco products
- Use, possession, sale or transfer of drug paraphernalia, syringes, or similar types of paraphernalia.
- Use, possession, sale or transfer of any firearms at any Club sponsored event, including but not limited to any organized team activities.
- Use of any electronic media device and/or any website or other similar forum to make disparaging comments towards other teams, players, parents, or members of any organization will not be tolerated. This is inclusive of, but not limited, to Facebook, Twitter, internet blogs, email, and texting
- Hosting or organizing a gathering or providing a venue where minors and any of the above referenced prohibited substances or equipment are present
- Violations of academic integrity
- Violations of major school and club policies (including, but not limited, to fighting, assault, battery, vandalism, theft, harassment, hazing and acts of gross disobedience) as well as any conduct that results in a Club suspension
- Repeated acts of unsportsmanlike conduct during or surrounding games, practices and team events, such as cheating, fighting, or abuse of officials, other players, coaches or spectators
- Falsification of any signatures on Club registration forms
- Failure to report to the Board or Head Coach within one day of the occurrence if a game misconduct or a match penalty at any USA Hockey sanctioned event is received.

Penalty:

1st offense: Suspension for up to 25% of the season's games and (if applicable) removal from Captain status

2nd offense: Dismissal from the Club for one calendar year

3rd offense: Permanent dismissal from the program

To clarify, in the case of a suspension, the player will not be allowed to participate in the next game(s), whether it is a league game, practice game or tournament game, and the player will not be able to participate in practices during that period.

1. The Club reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to adjust the length of any penalty assessed under this Code of Conduct based on the best interests of the player and the Club.
2. Under certain circumstances, players in violation of the Code of Conduct for alcohol or substance abuse may be offered the option to participate in a recognized, community-based substance abuse education program. If a player chooses to enroll in such a program, their suspension may be lessened. Participation in these programs will not be grounds for reinstatement of leadership positions. Participation in these programs is voluntary and at the player's sole expense.
3. Players suspended from school will NOT be allowed to participate in practices or games while on suspension. Additional consequences imposed by the Club will begin after completion of the school suspension.
4. Players serving a Club suspension for either a first or second offense at the time of the Club's fall tryouts will be allowed to try out but must then continue to serve the remaining balance of their penalty during the new season. A player serving a school suspension (i.e. is suspended from school) at the time of tryouts may NOT try out but may be placed on a team according to Club policies for accommodating players who are unable to try out due to injury or illness.
5. Players will receive written notice of any Code of Conduct penalty assessed by the Club. They will be expected to confirm receipt of this notice by signing and returning a copy.
6. Players who are suspended or dismissed from the Club with respect to a violation of the Club Athletic Code will NOT be entitled to any refund or any reduction in fees. The full amount of any outstanding season fees must be paid – regardless of any suspension or dismissal.
7. Right of Appeal: The player has a right to appeal a decision. This would be an opportunity to present extenuating circumstance that she/he believes should affect the consequences that have been administered. The Club President will appoint the review committee if an appeal is made. This committee will consist of a Club Board member, a coach, and a parent not serving on the Board. The request for an appeal hearing must be made in writing to the Club President within three days following the initial decision.

PARENT'S CODE

- I will display good sportsmanship, and always respect players, coaches, managers, officials and other parents
- I will act appropriately at all times, cheer good plays of all participants in a positive manner and encourage fair play
- I will be supportive after the game, win or lose, and I will recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship
- I will resolve to conduct myself as a parent and an adult even under the most trying circumstances
- Use of any electronic media device and/or any website or other similar forum to make disparaging comments towards other teams, players, parents, or members of any organization will not be tolerated. This is inclusive of, but not limited, to Facebook, Twitter, internet blogs, email, and texting
- I will not use obscene or vulgar language or act in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time at the rink, before, during or after a game
- I will not taunt players, coaches, managers, officials, or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or actual physical violence
- I will not throw any items on the ice surface, spectator viewing areas, players' bench or penalty box
- I will not boo players or officials.
- I will not openly object to an official's call or yell at an official
- I will not lean over or pound the glass
- I will not yell at players, coaches, managers, officials, or other parents and I will always show a positive attitude toward the game and all of the participants
- I will observe the "24 hour" rule
- I will not confront or taunt coaches, players or referees when serving as a minor official in games
- I further agree to act in accordance with all regulations set forth in the Code of Conduct of MidStates Hockey

PENALTY:

For the initial violation of the Parents Code, the parent may not be allowed to attend any games or practices for a period of up to 30 days, except in those circumstances where the Board of Directors deems the violation to be of such a nature that a more severe penalty is appropriate. For any additional violation, the parent is subject to further disciplinary action by the Board of Directors, which may include a permanent ban on attending games and practices or suspension of the child for the parent's failure to adhere to the Code and/or comply with the sanctions.

ALL PENALTIES SHALL BE ASSESSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPON DULY NOTIFYING THE APPLICABLE MEMBERS. ALL DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPEAL AS SET FORTH IN THE FVHHC POLICES AND PROCEDURES.

Agreement and Affirmation by Player and Each Parent

As a Player/Parent, I have read the foregoing Code of Conduct and agree to be bound thereby and understand the responsibilities and consequences if I fail to adhere to the Code of Conduct.

Player's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

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