

**Sheridan Amateur Hockey Association
Code of Conduct
Players**

1. Player's Code of Conduct

The basic goal for all players is to develop positive life skills and character skills through sportsmanship and teamwork, as well as to develop the basic skills of ice hockey. A working knowledge of the rules will be developed while instilling a love for the game and the competitive spirit. In fulfilling these goals, a player must abide by the Code of Conduct set forth by SAHA. Any grievances regarding violations of the Code of Conduct should be submitted in writing to the Age Group Representative or the President of SAHA who will forward it to the Discipline Committee.

2. Disrespect

No disrespect whatsoever, towards either a coach, assistant coach, team manager or a designated representative in the coach's absence, will be tolerated. Such action may result in disciplinary action (i.e. benching, suspension, etc.) at the coach's discretion. All players are to be considerate of, and are to respect all team members' morale. All players are to be courteous to all out of town teams, tournament officials, hotel/motel employees, game officials, parents, and anyone else with whom they come in contact.

3. Fighting, Profane or Abusive Language, Obscene Gestures

During the hockey season, players while on the ice or off the ice but participating in a hockey club activity (including out of town games) shall not fight, use profane or abusive language, make obscene gestures, spit or perform other despicable and obnoxious actions.

- **First Offense** - Suspended from all hockey club activities including games and practices for a period of seven (7) consecutive calendar days.
- **Second Offense** - Suspended from all hockey club activities including games and practices for a period of fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days.
- **Third Offense** - Suspended from all hockey activities including games and practices for the remainder of the season.

4. Game Misconduct

Repeated major penalties and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and players will be dealt with in the following manner.

- **First Game Misconduct** - Receive a letter of warning regarding subsequent consequences from the Discipline Committee.
- **Second Game Misconduct** - Requested to appear before the Discipline Committee and subject to SAHA levied suspension.
- **Third Game Misconduct** - Requested to appear before the Discipline Committee and suspension imposed. Possible suspension imposed. Possible suspension from all SAHA activities including games and practices for the remainder of the season.

*****ALL GROSS MISCONDUCT AND MATCH PENALTIES WILL REQUIRE THE PLAYER TO APPEAR BEFORE THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE. *****

5. Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs, and Weapons

During the hockey season, players shall not use, possess, transfer or distribute any alcoholic beverages, controlled substances or weapons (guns, knives, bombs, etc.) at any time or place while participating in games,

practices or other scheduled SAHA activities including out of town games, hotels, etc.

- **First Offense** - Suspended from all SAHA activities including games and practices for a period of thirty (30) consecutive calendar days. Player must appear before the Discipline Committee for review.
- **Second Offense** - Suspended from all SAHA activities including games and practices for the remainder of the season. Player to appear before the Discipline Committee and will be subject to disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Discipline Committee.

6. Confiscation or Destruction of Private or Public Property

Athletes who are participating in any SAHA activity will not confiscate (steal) or destroy any public or private property for any reason.

- **First Offense** - Suspended from all SAHA activities including games and practices for a period of fourteen (14) to thirty (30) consecutive calendar days. Player is required to appear before the Discipline Committee for review and must reimburse at his/her own expense the appropriate party for the cost of the items confiscated or destroyed.
- **Second Offense** - Suspended from all SAHA activities including games and practices for the remainder of the season. Player is required to appear before the Discipline Committee and will be subject to disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Discipline Committee. Player must reimburse at his/her own expense the appropriate party for the cost of the items confiscated and/or destroyed.

***** It is understood that it is a violation of the City of Sheridan Ordinances to deface or destroy any public property, and therefore, such a violation will be reported to the Police Department. *****

7. Hazing

Hazing of any nature is not accepted or condoned and will not be tolerated at any age level. Any incident should be reported to the Age Group Representative or the President of SAHA who will refer all reports to the Discipline Committee for review and appropriate actions.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Any disciplinary actions imposed by the Discipline Committee will be served along with any USA Hockey imposed penalties (per USA Hockey Rulebook, USA Hockey Annual Guide or the State Referee in Chief). Disciplinary actions imposed by the Discipline Committee will be served concurrent to USA Hockey penalties unless specifically noted.

ALL OFFENSES ARE SUBJECT TO HARSHER PUNISHMENT IF SO DEEMED BY THE SAHA DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE!

Discipline Committee actions will remain on file for a period of three (3) years from the time of the incident, and further offenses will be deemed consecutive within that time frame whereas related to sections 1, 2, 4, and 5.

FORFEITURE OF FEES

In the event a player is suspended, regardless of the length of time, the player will not be entitled to a refund.