

HOPKINS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (HYHA)
TRAVEL TEAM PHILOSOPHY AND OPERATING PROCEDURES
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INTRODUCTION

The Hopkins Youth Hockey Association (HYHA) has a program for youth that have the ability to perform at a higher level of competition and who wish to become a member of a travel team. Travel team participation will require a greater commitment of time and money by players and parents than is required for participation in the house program. It is felt that by teaching hockey properly, in a competitive structure, players will develop a true enjoyment of the game and will remain active in amateur hockey. HYHA will make every effort to put the most competitive team on the ice while keeping in mind the development of the skills of every member of the team.

The HYHA travel teams are overseen by the Travel Team Coordinator who is elected to a three (3) year term as a member of the HYHA Board of Directors. It will be the Travel Team Coordinator's responsibility to direct the travel team program in a manner consistent with the HYHA Travel Team Philosophy and Operating Procedures. The Board of Directors may, at the recommendation of the Travel Team Coordinator, appoint a committee to assist the Coordinator in managing the travel program as provided in Article 4.4 of the Bylaws of the HYHA. Minutes of the committee meetings will be available to the members of the Board of Directors.

INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS

1. The HYHA newsletter, distributed prior to registration in the fall, will include general information about the house and travel programs.
2. Players who wish to try out for a travel team will be provided information about the travel team program.
3. Additional travel team information, including a copy of this document, will be provided to parents of each travel team player prior to the beginning of the playing season. Parents shall sign a written document acknowledging receipt of this document prior to the beginning of the playing season.
4. Playing on a travel team will require much greater commitment of time and money from parents and players compared to participation on a house team. The travel team season runs from October to the first part of March and may be extended by regional and state playoff games. Games may be played in areas that are some distance from the Hopkins-Minnetonka area, and parents must provide transportation to these games. Parents are asked to lend their full support to the coaches and managers of the teams. A successful travel program requires parental support in many other areas, particularly the annual Thanksgiving Tournament that our Association sponsors.
5. As noted throughout this document, being selected as a member of a travel team carries with it a high level of player and family commitment to a number of program and team obligations. The most important of which is player attendance at all team practices, scrimmages, district games, and tournaments. It recognizes, however, that some absences are unavoidable and they are considered to be excused absences. Parents and players are asked to notify the coach in advance of a known absence. In instances where the coach has not been notified of an absence in advance, the player may be subject to disciplinary action.
 - a. Excused Absences. Examples of excused absences from any team commitment that are not subject to disciplinary action, are defined as follows:
 - 1) Player's illness;
 - 2) Religious commitments;
 - 3) School commitments in which the player is directly involved;
 - 4) Significant family commitments, i.e., serious family illness, weddings, and funerals.
 - b. Unexcused Absences. All other absences from team commitments will be considered unexcused absences and may be subject to disciplinary action by the coach. Disciplinary action may include

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game(s) suspension. Coaches will be instructed to be consistent and fair with all players when such action is deemed necessary.

- c. Other. It is strongly recommended that a player may not be withdrawn from team commitments as a family disciplinary measure.
6. In accordance with Minnesota Hockey District 3 Rules and Regulations, players shall not use alcohol, tobacco of any kind or any substance defined by law as an illegal drug. Parents are expected to cooperate with the HYHA coaching staffs in helping players stay in training by aiding with this policy. They are also expected to support the HYHA Board of Directors and the coaching staff in the enforcement of this policy.
- a. PENALTIES
 - 1) First Violation – after confirmation of the first violation, the player shall be suspended for the next two (2) consecutive games or two (2) weeks of a season, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a player who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
 - 2) Second Violation – after confirmation of the second violation, the player shall be suspended for the next six (6) consecutive games. No exception is permitted for a player who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
 - 3) Third Violation – after confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the player shall be suspended for the next twelve (12) consecutive games. If after the third or subsequent violations, the player on her/his own volition becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program, the player may be certified for reinstatement in HYHA activities after a minimum period of six (6) weeks. Such certification must be issued by the director or counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center.
 - b. INTERPRETATION – “Game” in this rule means regular league or playoff contest. Practice games or scrimmages cannot be counted in determining length of suspension.

If a Travel Coordinator has reason to believe that a player has violated this policy, the Coordinator may immediately investigate the incident and, upon further inquiry by the Coordinator and HYHA Executive Committee, the player may be reinstated or ruled ineligible for the remainder of the hockey season. The Travel Coordinator and Executive Committee shall meet and make the final decision within three days of the suspension. The affected athlete and his or her parents and/or representative must present the athlete's position to the Committee before such final decision is made.

WAIVER

In accordance with District 3 Rules and Regulations, where players participate on teams is based on their parent's or legal guardian's residence. In the event of dual residency, during the hockey season, the primary residence shall take precedence. Team and player eligibility will be determined by the official boundaries of HYHA, with the following exceptions:

1. Players may be waived to fill out rosters of other District 3 Associations. To be eligible, players must:
 - a. Complete all tryout(s) with their association of residence.
 - b. Not be assigned to an A or B level team in their association of residence.
 - c. Receive mutual agreement of the two (2) participating associations and submit a waiver form to the District Director.
 - d. Not participate in any further tryouts. Player must automatically be assigned to an A or B level team.
 - e. Waiver will be for one (1) playing season only. There shall be no commitment for any future years or other siblings.

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- f. An Association President may petition the District Director in extenuating circumstances regarding waivers.
2. Players residing within the boundaries of one Minnesota Hockey District may not participate on a team within the boundaries of another Minnesota Hockey District. Exceptions may be granted, but only after proper procedure has been followed. Respective Association Representatives must contact the District 3 Director prior to the initiating of a player transfer out of District 3.

TYPE AND COMPOSITION OF TRAVEL TEAMS

The HYHA Travel Program will field the following teams each year, presuming the availability of a sufficient number of players with the requisite levels of skill: Junior Gold, 16U; Bantam A, B1, and B2; Peewee A, B1, and B2; Squirt A and B; Girls; U12A and B, U10 A and B.

1. A Team. An "A" team represents the highest level of competition and will be composed of the highest rated players available in an age division.
2. B Team. A "B" team represents the second highest level of competition in a division and will be composed of the next highest rated players available in an age division. (While consideration will be given to the last players cut from the "A" team, it should not be construed that such players will automatically be selected for the "B" team.)
3. B2 Team. A "B2" team is defined as a developmental team and it will be composed of a mix of younger and older players still available in an age division after the "A" and "B" teams have been selected. (While consideration will be given to the players last cut from the "B" team it should not be construed that such players will automatically be selected to the "B2" team.)

SELECTION OF TRAVEL TEAM COACHES

It is the philosophy of the HYHA to select the best-qualified persons as the head coach and assistant coaches. The Coaches Selection Committee will lend preference to a qualified non-parent to coach at the Squirt "A" level and above over a qualified parent coach. Per recommendations from the President, the Board appoints the Coaches Selection Committee. The committee is to be chaired by the Travel Coordinator. Other members include the current president, two current board members and the boy's high school hockey coach.

1. Any interested person may apply for a position of travel team coach by submitting a written request to the Travel Team Coordinator prior to October 1.
2. The Coaches Selection Committee will make coach recommendations.
3. The selection procedure is as follows:
 - a. The Coaches Selection Committee will interview all people who have applied for a position of head coach or assistant coach.
 - b. The Coaches Selection Committee will select the head coaches for the travel teams subject to the Board of Director's approval.
 - c. Assistant coaches will be selected by the head coach following the player's tryouts and selection subject to approval by the Coaches Selection Committee. If the head coach desires an assistant coach who does not have a child trying out for the travel team involved, then the head coach may select his or her assistant coach before tryouts, subject to approval by the Coaches Selection Committee and the Board of Directors.
 - d. The Coaches Selection Committee will review all coach's evaluations from the prior season before interviewing or selecting coaches for the upcoming year. The ACE Coordinator is responsible for coordinating with the coaches, a player evaluation process, and reporting to the HYHA Board a status update at the beginning, middle, and end of each season.

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SELECTION OF TRAVEL TEAM PLAYERS

1. Tryouts for selection of travel team players will begin in October.
2. Move-Up Policy - HYHA strongly discourages player move-ups.

BOYS:

Players that have birth dates that make them eligible to be rostered in more than one age classification in the Squirt and older age classification must play in the youngest age classification except under the following circumstances:

- a. The player played the previous year on the "A" team of the youngest age classification for which the player is eligible in the current year;
- b. The player submits in writing, his desire to play at the next older age classification, along with the evaluation form signed by his previous year's coach. The HYHA board will evaluate and decide; and
- c. The player tries out for the next older age classification in the current year and is in the top 7 of the next older age classification as determined by the tryout process.

Any player eligible to try out for the older age classification that tries out for the older age classification and fails to make the "A" team at the older classification will be reassigned to the "A" team of the younger age classification. Players moving up to the next age classification may not displace any second year "A" player.

GIRLS:

Players must play at age appropriate level except under the following circumstances:

- a. The player played the previous year on the "A" team of the youngest age classification for which the player is eligible in the current year.
- b. The player submits her desire to play at the next older age classification, along with the evaluation form signed by her previous year's coach and Girls Coordinator. The HYHA board will evaluate and decide; and
- c. The player tries out for the next older age classification in the current year and is in the top 7 of the next older age classification as determined by the tryout process.

Any player eligible to try out for the older age classification and fails to make the "A" team will be assigned to the "A" team of the younger age classification or determine if the "B" is more appropriate. No player may move up more than one age classification.

MITES:

A Mite player's previous year coach may request that a player move from Mites to Squirts or U10 early based on the merits of his/her development. Upon Board approval, the player may then try out at the Squirt or U10 level. If the player achieves a ranking in the top 25 skaters at the Squirt or U10 level, then he/she will remain at the Squirt or U10 level for the season. If the player fails to achieve a top 25 ranking, then s/he shall return to the Mite program for the season.

3. The method of selection will be designed by the Travel Coordinator and will be approved by the HYHA Board of Directors as provided in Article 9.1 of the HYHA Bylaws. Players and parents will be informed of the method prior to tryouts, but generally the selection criteria will include player evaluations during tryout skill testing and scrimmage sessions. Evaluations from last year should also be considered.

The Hopkins Youth Hockey Association Tryout Procedures will be used for all tryouts. See Appendix "A" hereto. (Approved by the Hopkins Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors, April 17, 2006)

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4. The actual selection of players will be made by coaches under the supervision of a current HYHA board member to be appointed by the President. The board member selected may not participate in discussions at a level where he/she has a child participating.
5. At a minimum, team selections will be posted to the HYHA website as quickly as possible following selection. At the coach's discretion, players may also be notified by phone or email by the coach of the team who selected him/her.
6. In an effort to develop all players to meet their fullest potential, HYHA strongly encourages that all travel teams to roster two (2) goalies and at least fifteen skaters (15), but not more than eighteen (18) skaters. There may be situations that merit consideration of an exception to this policy. The Travel Team Coordinator, Girls Coordinator, and the Executive Committee must approve any variance in advance.
7. Once a final Association Travel Team roster is complete as provided in this section, no player may be removed from the Association travel team for reasons other than that player's serious injury; serious illness; suspension or expulsion as provided by applicable rules; acceptance of an offer to play for a high school team, as provided below; or acceptance of an offer to move up as provided below.
 - a. High School Team. All players selected for a travel team must have fully participated in the travel team tryout process. Any player eligible to try out for a high school hockey team may do so without consequence from the travel team, except as provided in these rules. Any player accepting an offer to play for a high school hockey team must notify the President, in writing. An acceptance of an offer to play for a high school hockey team automatically terminates that player's membership in the Association and position on the travel team. The Registrar will immediately remove such player from the official roster of the travel team. The terminating player remains financially responsible for that player's team expense portion as provided elsewhere in these rules. Any travel team player not receiving, or receiving but rejecting, an offer to play for a high school hockey team retains such player's position on the travel team, if any.
 - b. Move Up. The head coach of any travel team losing a travel player to a high school hockey team, to a travel player quitting, to serious injury or illness, or to a move up as described in this paragraph, may submit a written petition to a committee consisting of the Executive Committee and Travel Coordinator to request a "move up" of a specified player from the next immediate lower playing level in the same age division. Such committee shall, as soon as practicable, but no later than seven (7) days after the petition, meet with the head coach of the specified travel team player, the travel player and the travel player's parents, and, if available, review the travel team tryout evaluation results for the specified travel player. Within ten (10) days of the petition, such committee shall grant or deny the petition in its sole discretion acting in the best interests of the Association.

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8. Girls playing on boys teams is only permitted under the following circumstances:
 - a. The player must play at age appropriate level or follow the HYHA move up policy.
 - b. Once the decision is made to move a girl to the boy's team, she must stay with the boy's team she is on for the duration of that season. She will NOT be allowed to return to the girl's program once the girl's teams are formed for the current season. HYHA board will be so notified with written confirmation of all girls approved to play on boy's teams.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRAVEL TEAM COACHES

1. Travel team coaches will abide by the travel team regulations of the HYHA, the Travel Team Philosophy and Operating Procedures and the rules and regulations of the governing district in which

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our travel teams compete. These directives will be provided to the travel team coaches by the Travel Team Coordinator at the coaches meeting prior to the beginning of each season.

2. Travel team coaches will have a parent meeting as soon as possible following travel team selection. Items which must be discussed include:
 - a. Goals and objectives of the travel program;
 - b. Organization of the travel team program;
 - c. Transportation;
 - d. Fundraising and finances;
 - e. Expectations and responsibilities of players and parents; and
 - f. Tournaments and tournament play.
3. The travel team coaches will use sound judgment and discretion in scheduling practice times and non-district games.
4. The HYHA stresses to coaches the importance of their position in working with young people. Coaches are role models for all young people and are expected to maintain high standards of behavior, not only while coaching, but at all times. Failure to maintain such high standards may result in suspension from coaching duties. If a coach violates any of the following rules, the coach will be temporarily suspended from coaching for not less than two (2) weeks. The HYHA Board on an individual basis will determine the exact length of each suspension.
 - a. A coach will not physically or verbally abuse players, other coaches, referees, officials, parents, or other spectators.
 - b. Coaches will not use alcohol or illegal drugs before or during a practice, game, or scrimmage.
 - c. Coaches will ensure there is adult supervision for the full duration of all practices, games, or scrimmages, in the locker rooms as well as in and around the arena.
 - d. A coach is not permitted to use tobacco of any kind during practice, games, or scrimmages.
5. Player participation and equitable ice time. To the extent that team members fully participate in all team events to the best of their abilities (attendance and effort) and exhibit a positive attitude and spirit of teamwork, then it is the coaches' responsibility to ensure those players are treated fairly and equitably in games regarding playing time. Coaches do retain a degree of discretion to play certain player combinations based upon situations in certain games (e.g., a penalty killing line, a power play line in a league or tournament game with a close score); however, it is the coach's responsibility to redress the resultant inequities in ice time for players so affected in subsequent games. This policy is not intended to require "A" coaches to ensure absolutely equal ice time. It is part of the philosophy of the HYHA Travel Program to field successful teams. Some discretion must be given to the "A" travel coaches, although all coaches are encouraged to develop all of the players on their rosters. Equal playing time is more of a priority at the B1, B2, and the entire Squirt levels. It is strongly recommended at the Squirt level that there be no distinct power play unit or penalty killing unit as this level is still a developmental age and all players should be taught the skills of the game. If a player or parent has a concern regarding the application of this policy, they should first discuss the concern with the team's coach. It is expected that such a discussion will result in a resolution of the concern; however, unresolved concerns may be brought to the attention of the Travel Team Coordinator. In the event that this policy continues to be violated after the Travel Team Coordinator was involved in achieving an initial resolution of a concern, it could, upon further examination, result in the temporary suspension of the coach as provided in this Philosophy and the HYHA rules.
6. Coaches will be responsible for providing a detailed year end evaluation of each player (as defined by the ACE coordinator), that will be used at the next seasons tryout evaluation. The Girls Coordinator will retain records of the each evaluation for the girls and by the Travel Coordinator for the boys.

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FINANCES

1. Overall fiscal responsibility rests with the HYHA Board of Directors. Travel team financial affairs will be managed in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.2 of the HYHA Bylaws and other provisions, which may be established.
2. Players wishing to play travel team hockey will register for HYHA hockey and pay the initial fees. A portion of the initial fees will be used to partially pay for ice time. The HYHA Board of Directors will determine the allocation.
3. In addition to the initial registration fees, travel players are required to submit a deposit (check or credit card) to be used for the first installment of their travel team's expenses in the following amounts: Squirt-U10 \$300.00, PeeWee-U12 \$350.00, and Bantam-U14 \$400.00. If a player is placed on a travel team, that player's deposit for team expenses will be cashed or charged by HYHA on or about October 15th. A family will not be allowed to register a player for a new season until all of that family's previous financial obligations to HYHA, including team fees owed from prior years, have been paid in full.
4. The players or the family pays a portion of the cost of travel team participation and the remainder is offset by fundraising activities of the travel team program. If the cost creates a hardship for the family, a request may be made for financial assistance from a scholarship fund maintained for this purpose. The scholarship amount will be determined after a discrete interview with the family. Consideration will be given to fundraising opportunities and other activities available for the player/family to finance the player's costs.
5. There will be no refund of a player's initial registration fee and deposit for the first installment of team expenses once travel team try-outs are completed and upon the player being placed on a travel team. If a player subsequently misses part of the season due to an injury or illness, the player will be responsible for the following amount of the player's portion of team expenses for the year:
 - a) Player misses 0-50 consecutive days: 100% of player's team expense portion
 - b) Player misses 51-100 consecutive days: 2/3 of player's team expense portion
 - c) Player misses 101 or more consecutive days: 1/3 of player's team expense portion

In cases of a player injury or illness of 51 or more consecutive days, the player's unpaid team fees will be paid to the team by the HYHA general fund. All such requests for unpaid team fees must be submitted to the HYHA Board of Directors for approval. Upon request by HYHA, an injured or ill player must furnish documentation from a physician stating that the player is not allowed to play hockey for the specified time period. The HYHA Board of Directors shall have the authority to modify the above-reference team fee reimbursement policy in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

6. A travel player who quits his position on a travel team, other than through a move up as provided in these Rules,
 - a) after travel team try-outs are completed, but before October 15, or
 - b) to accept an offer to play for a high school hockey team on or before December 11, 2006

forfeits that player's entire registration fee and the first installment of team expenses. In such cases, the travel team losing a player position directly or through a player "move up" as provided in these Rules, may submit a written request to the Board of Directors for the General Fund to pay the unpaid team expenses for that lost player position. The Board of Directors must receive such requests on or before December 20.

A travel player, who otherwise quits his position on a travel team after October 15, must pay the entire portion of that player's team expenses for the entire season.

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For purposes of this policy, the official date a player quits shall be the date the Registrar receives notice, in writing, that the travel player quit the travel team or accepted an offer to play for a high school hockey team.

The Board of Directors may modify these player financial responsibility requirements and travel team expense reimbursement policies in the event of unforeseen circumstances or as it deems in the best interests of the Association.

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7. The HYHA Treasurer will be responsible for paying all district fees.
8. The team treasurer will be responsible for paying all tournament registration fees and costs.
9. HYHA sponsored tournaments are fundraisers. Parents are required to volunteer ten (10) hours per player for tournaments. A deposit of \$200.00 will be required upon placement on a travel team, which will be returned if the ten hours of duty is fulfilled. The travel team program will receive a distribution of profits from HYHA fundraisers which travel team players participate in. The HYHA Board of Directors prior to the fund raising event will determine the distribution.

Additional costs for district, regional and state playoffs and for travel, jackets, awards, etc. will be permitted subject to the notification and permission of the travel team parents, Travel Team Coordinator and the President.

10. District tournaments are hosted by the Affiliate Associations within the District. The tournaments rotate, by team level and division, on an annual basis, between the Affiliate Associations. The travel team at the level and division is responsible for manning all aspects of the District tournament. The travel team will be assessed \$10.00 per hour for each hour assigned and not fulfilled during the tournament.
11. Travel Team Uniform Deposits. Each travel team player (including Advanced Mites) shall make a \$100.00 uniform and equipment deposit at the beginning of the season. The team manager shall hold such deposit until the player returns the player's jersey washed and in good repair after a reasonable time upon the conclusion of the season then return the funds to the player. If after such reasonable time the jersey or other equipment is not so returned then the team manager shall give the deposit to the Treasurer who will deposit the funds in the Association's general fund.

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TOURNAMENTS

Squirt travel teams are allowed to participate in four (4) total tournaments throughout the hockey season. One tournament being the Hopkins Thanksgiving Tournament, a maximum of one (1) out-of-town tournament, and two (2) other in-town tournaments. Peewees and above are allowed to participate in five (5) total tournaments throughout the hockey season. One tournament is the Hopkins Thanksgiving Tournament, a maximum of two (2) out-of-town tournaments, and two (2) other in-town tournaments. The Travel Team Coordinator and the President must approve any deviation from this.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. District games, scrimmages, and tournament games will be limited to fifty-five (55) in number except for Squirt A and B wherein the limit is thirty-five (35), inclusive of District, Regional, and State Tournament play. A ratio of two (2) practices to one (1) game is recommended. No team may have more than two (2) on-ice activities per day.
2. In accordance with Minnesota Hockey District 3 Rules and Regulations, fighting, other forms of violence or profanity by players or coaches in the HYHA travel program will not be tolerated. During games or scrimmages, referees have the authority to penalize for misconduct. Parents, players, and coaches must support the officials.

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- a. District Games. Another player on the same team to serve the major penalty shall replace any player who receives a major and a game misconduct penalty in the penalty box. The game misconduct penalty automatically disqualifies the player from participating in the balance of the current game and the next game. The consequence of this penalty will be reported by the referee to the coach during the game and subsequently to the District 3 Minnesota Hockey Director who in turn will notify the HYHA Travel Team Coordinator.
- b. Other Games / Scrimmages. If the infraction occurs in a game not under district jurisdiction, the player will not be allowed to play in the following game and may be subject to further suspension or termination from the program for the remainder of the season in accordance with Article 3.5 of the HYHA Bylaws. In such cases, USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, and District 3 rules will be applied.
- c. Disciplinary action for fighting penalties beyond those described in the preceding 2a and 2b will be handled in accordance with applicable USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey, District 3, and HYHA rules.

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PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM
AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

The HYHA Board of Directors has adopted a resolution requiring that all HYHA parents or guardians that have a child involved in travel youth hockey sign this form that acknowledges their agreement to the following:

1. Parent's Code of Conduct - Attendance at sanctioned HYHA events is a privilege, not a right. As with all privileges, there comes the responsibility to maintain that privilege. Parents are expected to conduct themselves in a way that reflects positively on themselves, their children, HYHA, and the game of hockey. In order to maintain the integrity and high standards of the HYHA, all parents of the HYHA are expected to abide by the following set of guidelines:
 - (a) Parents will not allow their children to "roam" the facility unsupervised
 - (b) Parents will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, and demand their child do the same
 - (c) Parents are accountable for good sportsmanship as part of the "cheering section". If the parent code of conduct is breached, disciplinary action will be taken, up to and including the forfeiture of the game (if the guilty party refuses to vacate the premises)
 - (d) Parents will be good role models for the behaviors they want their children to emulate. Parents will set positive examples at the practices and games they attend
 - (e) Parents will remember that the game is for the players, not the adults
 - (f) Parents will allow the coach to coach and will not yell directions to, or criticize their child by belittling him/her
 - (g) Parents will only shout words of encouragement from the stands and cheer for all players
 - (h) Parents will place the emotional and physical well being of their child ahead of their desire to win
 - (i) Parents will make every attempt to make sure their child attends all practices and games
 - (j) Parents will respect the coaches and demand that their child does the same. If there is a disagreement, parents will speak to the coach in private. If there is still disagreement, parents will contact the appropriate Coordinator (Girls, Mite, Travel, or C)
 - (k) Parents will respect the opposing team and demand their child does the same
 - (l) Parents will respect the opposing team's coaches and parents and not engage in any confrontations with them
 - (m) Parents will respect the referees and not openly criticize them or tolerate their child criticizing them. Parents will remember that referees control the game. Parents will also remember that referees are humans and will make mistakes. If there is a disagreement, parents will allow the coach to speak to the referee and refrain from getting involved. The referees will have the last word, even if it results in parents being asked to leave the game
 - (n) Parents will not encourage any behaviors that would endanger the health and well being of any player
 - (o) Parents will show respect to all equipment, supplies, and facilities and ensure their child does the same
 - (p) Parents will control their temper and not use foul or inappropriate language while participating in hockey-related activities
 - (q) Parents will demand an environment for their child that is free of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs, and will refrain from their use at youth sports events
 - (r) Parents will strive to make this hockey experience fun for all players and parents
 - (s) Parents understand that our teams will be playing under Minnesota Hockey's Hockey Education Program which promotes sportsmanship, skill development, and fair play. Parents agree to follow the guidelines of this program

All parents are expected to have read and understand the HYHA Parent's Code of Conduct. Parents who do not conduct themselves appropriately will be subject to discipline with HYHA that could include suspension/removal from the association. This code of conduct will be enforced by HYHA at all playing levels.

2. To follow the policies and procedures set forth in the attached HYHA Travel Team Philosophy and Operating Procedures.
3. To agree to work the required hours as outlined in the Finances section.
4. HYHA members not in compliance with these procedures will not be allowed to register for the 2006-2007 season.

Print Name

Signature

Date _____/_____/_____

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1. Parent's Code of Conduct - Attendance at sanctioned HYHA events is a privilege, not a right. As with all privileges, there comes the responsibility to maintain that privilege. Parents are expected to conduct themselves in a way that reflects positively on themselves, their children, HYHA, and the game of hockey. In order to maintain the integrity and high standards of the HYHA, all parents of the HYHA are expected to abide by the following set of guidelines:
 - (a) Parents will not allow their children to "roam" the facility unsupervised
 - (b) Parents will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, and demand their child do the same
 - (c) Parents are accountable for good sportsmanship as part of the "cheering section". If the parent code of conduct is breached, disciplinary action will be taken, up to and including the forfeiture of the game (if the guilty party refuses to vacate the premises)
 - (d) Parents will be good role models for the behaviors they want their children to emulate. Parents will set positive examples at the practices and games they attend
 - (e) Parents will remember that the game is for the players, not the adults
 - (f) Parents will allow the coach to coach and will not yell directions to, or criticize their child by belittling him/her
 - (g) Parents will only shout words of encouragement from the stands and cheer for all players
 - (h) Parents will place the emotional and physical well being of their child ahead of their desire to win
 - (i) Parents will make every attempt to make sure their child attends all practices and games
 - (j) Parents will respect the coaches and demand that their child does the same. If there is a disagreement, parents will speak to the coach in private. If there is still disagreement, parents will contact the appropriate Coordinator (Girls, Mite, Travel, or C)
 - (k) Parents will respect the opposing team and demand their child does the same
 - (l) Parents will respect the opposing team's coaches and parents and not engage in any confrontations with them
 - (m) Parents will respect the referees and not openly criticize them or tolerate their child criticizing them. Parents will remember that referees control the game. Parents will also remember that referees are humans and will make mistakes. If there is a disagreement, parents will allow the coach to speak to the referee and refrain from getting involved. The referees will have the last word, even if it results in parents being asked to leave the game
 - (n) Parents will not encourage any behaviors that would endanger the health and well being of any player
 - (o) Parents will show respect to all equipment, supplies, and facilities and ensure their child does the same
 - (p) Parents will control their temper and not use foul or inappropriate language while participating in hockey-related activities
 - (q) Parents will demand an environment for their child that is free of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs, and will refrain from their use at youth sports events
 - (r) Parents will strive to make this hockey experience fun for all players and parents
 - (s) Parents understand that our teams will be playing under Minnesota Hockey's Hockey Education Program which promotes sportsmanship, skill development, and fair play. Parents agree to follow the guidelines of this program

All parents are expected to have read and understand the HYHA Parent's Code of Conduct. Parents who do not conduct themselves appropriately will be subject to discipline with HYHA that could include suspension/removal from the association. This code of conduct will be enforced by HYHA at all playing levels.

2. To follow the policies and procedures set forth in the attached HYHA Travel Team Philosophy and Operating Procedures.
3. To agree to work the required hours as outlined in the Finances section.
4. HYHA members not in compliance with these procedures will not be allowed to register for the 2006-2007 season.

Print Name

Signature

Date _____/_____/_____

HOPKINS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (HYHA)
TRAVEL TEAM PHILOSOPHY AND OPERATING PROCEDURES
Amended and Approved 04/21/06 and 09/18/06

Amendment History:

1. 4/17/2006 - Amended Selection of Travel Team Players, Section 3.
2. 9/18/2006 - Amended Finances, Section 6; Amended Selection of Travel Players, Section 7 and added Section 11.

Endnotes:

ⁱ (This Section formerly read:

Once a team has been selected at the conclusion of tryouts, no player may be dropped from a team except for reasons of a serious injury or illness, or by suspension as provided in applicable rules. Players may be added as follows:

- a. A player who unsuccessfully tries out for the high school team may be added to the Bantam "A" or "B" roster upon agreement by the head high school coach, the affected head coach of the HYHA team, the Travel Coordinator, and the Executive Committee.
- b. If a travel team loses a player after the roster is determined (injury, suspension, etc.) the head coach of that team may call a player up from the next lower level. Prior to the move, a meeting with the coach and parent of the player being called up along with the Travel Coordinator and the HYHA Board President is required before the decision is made.)

ⁱⁱ (This Section formerly read:

A travel player who quits after travel team try-outs are completed will forfeit that player's entire registration fee and initial deposit for the first installment of team expenses. In addition, a travel player who quits after October 15th will be required to pay the entire portion of that player's team expenses for the entire season. For purposes of this policy, the official date a player quits shall be the date the HYHA Registrar is notified, in writing that the player has quit.

In cases where a player quits before October 15th, the player's unpaid team fees will be paid to the team by the HYHA general fund. All such requests for unpaid team fees must be submitted to the HYHA Board of Directors for approval. The HYHA Board of Directors shall have the authority to modify the above-reference team fee reimbursement policy in the event of unforeseen circumstances)