



CODE OF CONDUCT 2009-2010

The Dallas Scots Hockey Association supports and upholds the programs/philosophies and policies of USA Hockey. All Dallas Scots Hockey Association participants, parents, guardians, spectators and coaches will abide by each of these codes and policies.

USA HOCKEY CODE OF CONDUCT

ADMINISTRATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Follow the rules and regulations of USA Hockey and your association to ensure that the association's philosophy and objectives are enhanced.
- Support programs that train and educate players, coaches, parents, officials and volunteers.
- Promote and publicize your programs; seek out financial support when possible.
- Communicate with parents by holding parent/player orientation meetings as well as by being available to answer questions and address problems throughout the season.
- Work to provide programs that encompass fairness to the participants and promote fair play and sportsmanship.
- Recruit volunteers, including coaches, who demonstrate qualities conducive to being role models to the youth in our sport.
- Encourage coaches and officials to attend USA hockey clinics, and advise your board members of the necessity for their training sessions.
- Make every possible attempt to provide everyone with, at all skill levels, with a place to play.
- Read and be familiar with the contents of the USA Hockey Annual Guide and Official Playing Rules.
- Develop other administrators to advance to positions in your association, perhaps even your own.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember, players are involved in hockey for fun and enjoyment
- Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don't yell at the players
- Adjust to personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; never verbally or physical abuse a player or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach them the basics.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of hockey; encourage all your players to be team players.
- Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals and objectives of your association
- Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- To play the game is great; to love the game is greater.

ON-ICE OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Act in a professional and businesslike manner at all times and take your role seriously.
- Strive to provide a safe and sportsmanlike environment in which players can properly display their hockey skills.
- Know all playing rules, their Interpretations and their proper application.
- Remember that officials are teachers. Set a good example.
- Make your calls with quiet confidence, never with arrogance.
- Control games only to the extent that is necessary to provide a positive and safe experience for all participants.
- Violence must never be tolerated.
- Be fair and impartial at all times.
- Answer all reasonable questions and requests.
- Adopt a "zero tolerance" attitude toward verbal or physical abuse.
- Never use foul or vulgar language when speaking to a player, coach, or parent.
- Use honesty and integrity when answering questions.
- Admit your mistakes when you make them.
- Never openly criticize a coach, player or other official.
- Use only USA Hockey-approved officiating techniques and polices.
- Maintain your health through a physical conditioning program.
- Dedicate yourself to personal improve and maintenance of officiating skills.
- Respect your supervisor and his/her critique of your performance.

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all its participants, you child will benefit
- Emphasize skill development and practice and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game, and support the 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.



- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice – it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey – and volunteer.

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play for FUN.
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, opponents and officials. Never argue with an official's decision.

SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches, and officials.
- Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
- Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing any items on the ice surface can cause injury to players or officials.
- Do not lean over or pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.
- Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for you own safety – be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches, and officials.
- Be supportive after the game – win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

USA HOCKEY ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

In an effort to make Ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior and Adult councils have instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relation to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey sanctioned games. Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all On-Ice Referees and Linesmen:

PLAYERS

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

- Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
- Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
- Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such actions.

COACHES

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

- Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
- Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting officials, players or spectators.

Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

OFFICIALS

- Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, and impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches is strictly prohibited.
- On-Ice Officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

PARENTS/SPECTATORS

- The game will be stopped by on-ice officials when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectators' viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:
 - Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
 - Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means "baiting", ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
 - Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

To view the entire USA Hockey Annual Guide, go to www.usahockey.com > Inside USAH > Annual Guide.



DALLAS SCOTS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT *(Please read carefully)*

- Parents **MAY NOT** coach their child (ren) during practices and games OR shout at their child (ren) on the ice, in the dressing room, or during team activities.
- Parents **MAY NOT** shout at or direct profane language or signals toward any game official, coach, player or parent. See USA Hockey Zero Tolerance policy for possible penalties for such infractions.
- Parents **MAY NOT** confront a coach for any disputed decision for a MINIMUM of twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the game or practice involved. After the 24 Hour Cooling Off Period, the parent(s) may contact the Team Manager who will institute the procedure described in the By-Laws for conflict resolution at the team level.
- Parents **MAY NOT** confront question or hassle any game official.
- Parents **MAY** encourage their child (ren) to play by the rules, work hard during practices to develop skills, de-emphasize winning scores and emphasize healthy competition.
- Parents **MAY** set a good example for their child (ren) by learning the rules of hockey and by being good sports that never boo or heckle game events, players or officials.
- Parents **MAY** set a good example for their child (ren) by supporting the coaches and game officials and by acting appropriately regardless of the outcome of the game on the scoreboard.
- Parents **MAY** emphasize and demand zero tolerance for drug, alcohol, tobacco or other substance use or abuse.
- Parents **MAY** emphasize and demand zero tolerance for poor sportsmanship and for theft or destruction of rink or other property.

PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Participants **WILL NOT** use or abuse drugs, alcohol, tobacco or other substances.
- Participants **WILL NOT** endanger the safety, welfare or well being of other participants, engage in fighting, hazing, "locker boxing" or malicious horseplay.
- Participants **WILL NOT** insult, disrespect or demean an opponent, game official, administrator or spectator at any time.
- Participants **WILL NOT** commit theft or vandalism of any sort.
- Participants **WILL** learn and understand the letter and intent of the rules and guidelines that govern youth hockey and will recognize that the purpose of youth hockey is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, athletic, academic and emotional well being of the participants.
- Participants **WILL** set the example of good sportsmanship, fair play and teamwork by their actions and words both on and off the ice.
- Participants **WILL** be allowed/encouraged to participate in other sports.
- Participants **WILL** display proper self-control at all times and will judge the success of the program on the basis of their progress in the three principles upon which the program rests: teamwork, positive attitude and skill development.

PARTICIPANTS

As a participant in the Dallas Scots Hockey Association, I agree that I am subject to all directives of the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy and of the Codes of Conduct of USA Hockey and the SCOTS. I agree that I am subject to disciplinary measures, which may include, but are not limited to, loss of Ice-time, suspension from games, practices, or other team activities, dismissal from the SCOTS and/or expulsion from all Dr. Pepper Star Centers and/or The Ice Training Center, and any other venue utilized by the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy and agree to abide by them.

PARTICIPANT

DATE

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

As the parent/guardian of a participant in the Dallas Scots Hockey Association, I will attend, exemplify and support the tenets of the Positive Parents Program. I agree that I am subject to all directives of the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy and of the Codes of Conduct of USA Hockey and the SCOTS. I certify that I have read and understand the aforementioned Codes of Conduct and Policy and agree to abide by them. I agree that I am subject to disciplinary measures, which may include, but are not limited to, prohibition from attending certain or all team functions or activities, and/or expulsion from The Ice Training Center, or any other venue hosting a team activity. Furthermore, I agree and understand that my participation may be subject to dismissal from any of the SCOTS programs based upon my behavior. I understand and agree that the SCOTS, or its delegated Committee, Coaching Staff or Team Manager may administer all appropriate disciplinary measures. All disciplinary measures will be reported to The Ice Training Center Management, the appropriate Scots Disciplinary Committee, the Coaching Staff, and Team Managers. All disciplinary action may be appealed, as appropriate, but all action takes affect immediately and shall remain in place until the appeal, if any is ruled upon.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE