



**Orono Youth Hockey Association
Code of Conduct
for
Squirts/10U and Older Players
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The Orono Youth Hockey Association will expect that all players follow these rules. If you have any questions about these rules, ask your head coach. Parents, please review this Code of Conduct with your son/daughter.

Practice is mandatory. If you cannot attend a practice, you must notify one of the coaches or the team manager prior to the practice. If you don't, you may lose ice time at the next game. Reasonable reasons for missing a practice are illness, school, church or family functions. It is essential that we practice and, therefore, you must make every practice unless you are excused by a coach. We also expect that you will manage your schedule to fit both your off ice responsibilities and your hockey commitments. You can expect a review of your attendance during the season, and if required, you will be asked to commit to better attendance.

You must be on the ice for practice on time. You should be ready to be on the ice within five minutes of the start time, or earlier if your coach requires. Additionally, if you are asked to leave the ice early from a practice that will be viewed as missing a practice and you can expect loss of ice time at the next game.

Foul language and abuse of other players, teammates, coaches or officials will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Failure to stick to this will result in discipline by your coach, which could include lost ice time during a game or being asked to leave the ice during a practice. We expect you to play under control and with respect for the officials, the coaches, opponents and other players.

No bullying, nor any form of intimidation will be tolerated, ever. This means, any act that includes taunting or teasing of players, coaches, officials, or spectators by means of verbal ridicule, obscene gesture, threat of physical violence, or physical violence. Including but not limited to the locker room, on the ice, on the bench, at the rink, any team function, or in school. A player's first offense for bullying or intimidation will result in the head coach suspending that player from the team for one week (one game minimum) after consulting with the Orono Hockey Booster Board Grievance Chair. For subsequent infractions, the player and his/her family will appear before the Grievance Committee. Minimum penalties include: strike two - two week (minimum two games) suspension and strike three - suspension for the balance of the regular season. Such decisions will be concluded upon by the Grievance Committee.

We will not tolerate fighting on the ice, in locker rooms or anywhere else during team functions. Fighting or violence in violation of USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey and District 3 rules will result

in suspension from games and possibly all activity. The head coach will determine the length of suspension. Consistent with the discussion above, the Head Coach will confer with the Grievance Chair from the Booster Board regarding the event and planned course of action with respect to the first offence. Additional offences will be taken to the Grievance Committee consistent with the discussion above.

We will have a zero tolerance for any drug, alcohol or tobacco use. We will follow the rules and regulations of the USA Hockey, Minnesota Hockey and District 3. We expect all members of the team to be chemical free. A first offense will result in the ineligibility from game play as well as additional sanctions which may be imposed by the Grievance Committee of the Booster Board.

Absolutely no throwing of your stick, hitting someone with a stick or kicking another player will be tolerated. These are all serious offenses. If you are seen throwing or hitting someone with a stick or kicking another player, you will be sent from the ice and will meet with the coaches before you will be allowed back on the ice. Also, no checking from behind at any level.

No retaliation penalties will be tolerated. Besides the penalty time assessed by a referee, you will sit until your coach deems it acceptable for you to be allowed back on the ice. If you are given ten-minute misconduct in a game, you may sit out the balance of that game. This will be at the discretion of your coach. If you are given any fighting penalty or a gross or match penalty, District 3 rules regarding these violations will be enforced and minimally include multiple game suspension. Additionally, you will be required to have a meeting with your parents, the Coaching Staff and the Grievance Committee of the Orono Hockey Booster Board before you are allowed back on the ice for practice.

You should never shoot pucks at the side boards or after the whistle during practice or a game. In a game, this is a penalty. In practice, you will be sent to the bench to sit.

I have read the above policy and will abide by the aforementioned rules. I understand the penalties and consequences should I not adhere to the rules.

Signed (player)_____

I have read the above policy with my player and understand the aforementioned rules and consequences should my player not adhere to the rules.

Signed (parent/guardian)_____