



# NHAHA Parent Code of Conduct

This list of words or actions constitutes a violation of the Code of Conduct of the Association and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Coaches should not discuss any try-out related situations, game, a game incident or a situation that occurred during the game that has provoked an adverse emotional response or created a hostile situation until at least 24 hours after the fact. A Parent or Member is not to approach a coach to discuss a try-out related situation, a practice incident, a game, a game incident or a situation that occurred during the game that has provoked an adverse emotional response or a hostile situation until at least 24 hours after the fact.

**Note to 24 Hour Rule:** Hockey is an emotional sport. The physical battles that players fight for control of the puck can spill on to the bench and stands and create strong reactions from coaches. This intense emotional aspect of hockey is one of the reasons it makes exciting entertainment.

For parents, it is important to separate game emotions from the best interests of their child's sports development. For this reason, NHAHA has adopted the "24 Hour Rule". The intent of this rule is to move an emotional and confrontational discussion away from the presence of the players, and to allow the parties to "cool off", compose themselves and put the provoking incident or situation that occurred in the game in perspective before meeting to discuss it.

2. You should never make physical contact with any player, coach, on-ice or off-ice official, association or league representative, arena personnel, spectator or parent.
3. You should never taunt or threaten any player, coach, on-ice or off-ice official, association or league representative, arena personnel, spectator or parent.
4. You should never go onto the ice surface for any reason, unless directed by a coach or other official.
5. You should never enter, or attempt to enter, the bench area during a game without proper authorization.
6. You should never enter, or attempt to enter, the locker room of any opposing team or obstruct their access or exit from said room or arena. Opposing team shall be defined as any team other than the team for which the member(s) are involved.
7. You should never enter, or attempt to enter, the locker room of any official or obstruct their access or exit from said room or arena.
8. You should never use profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms that are offensive to other persons.
9. You should never make disparaging comments to, shouting at, arguing with a parent, manager, coach, player, referee or off-ice officials during the course of a game or as they leave the ice or the arena.
10. You should never throw any object onto the ice surface, into the player's area, or at another individual.
11. You should never pound or climb on the glass.
12. You should never deface or damage property belonging to any individual, team, association, or arena.
13. You should never violate the Valley Sports Complex protocol, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Damage to the facility and/or vandalism of any sort
  - b. Theft of any kind
  - c. Any violation of posted rules and regulations
14. You should never be involved with any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials.
15. You should never enter the arena while intoxicated or under the influence of illegal drugs or controlled substances.
16. You should never violate any of the "Zero-Tolerance" Alcohol, Drugs and Controlled Substances Policy.
17. You should never incite other persons to become involved in any of the above listed activities.
18. Any other conduct deemed inappropriate by the officials, association or league representatives, Board members of NHAHA and arena personnel.

I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by its guidelines at all team and league activities. I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be asked to leave the league activity (such as a game or practice) or face disciplinary action by the NHAHA Board.

Parent(s) Printed Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature, Parent 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature, Parent 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_



## NHAHA Player Code of Conduct

As a player representing either the Pittsburgh Vipers or Pittsburgh Viper Stars, I understand that I must follow the rules below to stay in good standing within the organization.

1. I will respect the game and follow all rules and regulations of USA Hockey.
2. I will display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved in this sport. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents, spectators, the media, or other attendees.
3. I will refrain from the use of illegal drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and recognize that the consequences of any such use may include loss of my place on a NHAHA team.
4. At all NHAHA events I will conduct myself respectfully and will respect the privilege of use of public facilities. This includes but is not limited to: hotels, restaurants, ice rinks/arenas, and public transportation.
5. I will be accountable for my actions on the ice, in the locker rooms, the rinks, the hotels, restaurants, public transportation, etc. when I am representing the NHAHA organization or attending NHAHA events.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

I understand that as a player for the North Hills Amateur Hockey Association, I must be responsible and respectful in my use of social media. Social media includes but is not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, LinkedIn, Snapchat, etc.

As such I agree:

1. To protect confidential & proprietary NHAHA and player information and to not disclose any such information through social media or otherwise.
2. To be respectful in all postings.
3. To not use any NHAHA logos, trademarks, or images on personal social media sites.
4. To not represent my personal views as those of NHAHA.
5. To not engage in cyber bullying.

Failure to comply with these standards may result in disciplinary actions; including but not limited to:

1. A verbal warning regarding the infraction.
2. A written warning regarding the infraction.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a game for the infraction.
4. Suspension from multiple games for the infraction.
5. Season suspension/expulsion for the infraction.

Any discipline action shall be at the discretion of the NHAHA Board and/or Discipline Committee and NHAHA reserves the right to bypass any or all of the foregoing steps.

### USE OF IMAGE AND LIKENESS

I understand that my image or likeness may appear in photographs, pictures, or other depictions related to NHAHA and that these may be used to promote the organization. I agree to permit NHAHA, or its agent, to use my image in connection with NHAHA's marketing and promotional efforts. I agree not to challenge such use or seek any form of compensation therefore.

*I have read all of the above & hereby agree to follow the rules as outlined or face the consequences as detailed above.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

*I will help my child understand and follow the Code of Conduct above.*

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_