



IHWC Rangers Youth Hockey Player & Parents Code of Conduct

Player Code of Conduct:

1. I recognize that hockey is a **team** sport and that a team's success begins with fully embracing this important concept.
2. I will read & honor the USA Hockey Player's Code of Conduct (<http://www.usahockey.com>):
 - Play for fun
 - Work hard to improve my skills
 - Be a team player – get along with my teammates
 - Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline
 - Be on time
 - Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport
 - Respect my coach, my teammates, my parents, opponents and officials
 - Never argue with an official's decision
3. As a member of the IHWC community, I will treat my teammates, opponents, game officials and coaching staff with respect at all times. Further, I recognize that I am a representative of the Indian Hill Winter Club. As such, I will act with dignity and sportsmanship on and off the ice while at home and away (rinks, hotels, etc.). Examples include:
 - Be a respectful guest at other facilities
 - Do not challenge a referee's call either verbally or with body language; leave the discussions with the referees to the coaches
 - Dress for games according to team requirements (dress code / warm-ups)
 - Refrain from using foul language
4. As a member of the **team**, I will be attentive to coaches and instructors during games and practices while seeking self-improvement. Examples include:
 - Pay attention to coaches' instructions
 - Seek and welcome coaches' feedback
 - Assist coaches with clearing equipment at the end of practice
 - Arrive at practices & games in accordance to coaches expectation
 - Work off-ice on skill development (stickhandling, shooting, reading, watch games, etc.)
5. Fighting: I understand that fighting will not be tolerated at any level.
6. Social Media: I will refrain from posting derogatory remarks regarding any teams, coaches, players, parents or officials. Additional information regarding this policy can be found in the SafeSport Program Handbook in Section I under Electronic Communications Policy on page 13 (on www.ihwinterclub.com).
7. Bullying: I understand that bullying will not be tolerated at any level. If I feel that I am being treated unfairly by someone, or being bullied, I will immediately inform my coach, the IHWC Youth Hockey Director or a member of the Youth Hockey Committee, who have been properly trained in this area.
8. I recognize that ice time is both expensive and limited. As such, I will commit to making the most of our **team's** ice time by being attentive & avoiding disruptive behavior
9. I will respect the IHWC facilities & honor all Club policies. Examples include:



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- Always leave the locker room clean and in good condition
 - I will not take food or drink into the gym
 - I will clean up after myself in public areas of the club.
10. I recognize that joining this team is a commitment to the **team**. While scholastics shall always take precedence, I will commit to all games and practices keeping all other conflicts / commitments to a minimum. While some conflicts are unavoidable, I will clearly communicate any absences to the coaches with as much advance notice as possible.*^
11. Once I accept an invitation to play for a team, I will honor my commitment to for the entire season (unless due to unforeseen events such as injury, relocation, etc.). Any limited or part-time commitment must be agreed upon initially and approved by the Head Coach at the time of the invitation / my commitment. *
12. I will volunteer 3-4 hours minimum per season in support of the youth hockey practices. **

* A1/A2 teams & High School hockey teams only

^ High School players, not the parents, are responsible for communicating with coaches

** High School hockey teams only

Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct:

1. I will read the *USA Hockey Parent Handbook* (<http://www.usahockey.com/parents>) & honor the USA Hockey Parent's Code of Conduct :
- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sports. 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 of its participants, your child will benefit.
 - Emphasize skill development and practices 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.
2. I will support my Player in ***all aspects*** of his / her Player Code of Conduct above
3. I will support players & coaches by cheering for effort vs. coaching from the stands.
4. I will support players & coaches by reinforcing with my player, the concepts & techniques emphasized by the coaching staff.



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5. I will support the program by staffing official's box (clock, game sheet) and penalty box, etc. as needed for home and away games.
6. When volunteering for official's box and penalty box, I recognize I am now a game official & will act accordingly. Further, I will honor that responsibility by focusing on the task (vs. taking advantage of proximity to cheering & supplemental coaching).



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I value the importance of this IHWC Player and Parents Code of Conduct & recognize that I will be held accountable for my commitment by my coaches, parents and IHWC Staff. Failure to comply may result in less ice time, suspension or other penalties as determined by the Head Coach &/or Youth Hockey Director.

I have read and will honor this Player Code of Conduct as a member of the IHWC _____ team participating in USA Hockey for the 2019-20 playing season.

Player Name: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

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Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Head Coach Name: _____ Date: _____

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