

VIROQUA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION – COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

I will fully comply with VAHA's Zero Tolerance Policy and Code of Conduct. Viroqua Hockey Association interprets these provisions broadly and considers them to apply to any behavior that is disruptive to players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents/guardians, opponents, and arena staff. Members are also responsible for the behavior of their guests and thus will be subject to discipline for any guest misbehavior. Examples of prohibited behavior for anyone include, but are not limited to:

1. Using obscene, vulgar, antagonizing, offensive, or boisterous language to anyone at any time.
2. Addressing a coach during a game, immediately following a game, during or immediately following a multi-game day or tournament to make a complaint. I understand that a 24-hour "cooling off" period is required.
3. Entering a dressing area/locker room without the coach's authorization, or blocking access to said area. (Exceptions on locker room entrance may exist where coaches grant permission to Mite and Squirt parents/guardians that may need to assist their child with dressing/undressing.)
4. Undermining the coach's authority by coaching from the stands or sidelines.
5. Engaging in any instance of verbal or physical abuse of a player, coach, spectator, arena employee, board, committee or other Association member.
6. Making a scene in front of players or spectators at any time.
7. Entering the officials' dressing area, lingering outside their immediate area or making complaints to the officials.
8. Disobeying or showing disrespect for coaches' rules at tournaments regarding player curfew, swimming limits or restrictions on other activities. Team members attend tournaments for the express purpose of playing hockey.
9. Engaging in malicious gossip or behavior that is designed to create discord for others in the Association.
10. Being part of any activity that would involve the summoning of law enforcement officials.

I understand that my financial obligation to VAHA must be paid in full on the established payment deadlines or my player will not be permitted to skate. If I have a payment problem, it is up to me to notify VAHA to resolve. I will not be critical of the coach or Viroqua Hockey Association in front of my child or other team players. If I have a concern that I feel needs to be addressed, I will do so at an appropriate place at an appropriate time away from players and spectators. I will respect the coaches' decisions and abilities. I will not interfere at any time with the duties and responsibilities of the coach. I will not put my child in the unfair position of having to decide who to listen to, me or the coach. Viroqua Hockey Association fully understands issues may arise during the season and open communication is the key to a successful program. Everyone will best be served if we all handle these issues calmly and as adults. I understand and will defer to VAHA's fair playing time provisions and other policies as described in the VAHA Members Policy Handbook.

I support the belief that the most important aspect of my child's hockey experience is for him or her to have fun while developing physical skills, emotional maturity, interests and friendships that will serve them for life. I understand that there are more than 350,000 players registered with USA Hockey, 500,000 players registered in Canada, and thousands throughout the rest of the world. The odds of reaching the NHL are slim. Viroqua Hockey Association is not about building NHL players. It is about building self-esteem, self-discipline, sportsmanship and happy children.

I recognize that situations not specifically listed in the code of conduct may exist. I will abide by the Board's determination and resulting decisions on infractions that are detrimental to the Association and are determined to exist within the meaning of the VAHA's Parent Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy I acknowledge that the Association Board will deal with violations of the code of conduct at its sole discretion, imposing penalties including but not limited to warnings, restitution, parent/guardian/player suspensions, and family expulsion. Refunds will not be given to players or parents/guardians suspended or expelled based on violations of the code. I fully understand that my player will not be allowed to tryout or skate with VAHA until both spouses/guardians accept in total and sign the agreement, and it is received by the Registrar of VAHA.

Please sign the appropriate space below showing you have received, read, understand, and will comply with this document, as well as the VAHA's Parent Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy.

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