

The Antigo Area Youth Hockey Association Disciplinary Agreement

Statement of Policy and Intent It is the policy of the Antigo Area Youth Hockey Association (Association) that all of its Members, Coaches and any other individual participating in the activities of the Association (referred to collectively as Member(s)) exhibit the qualities of good sportsmanship and civil behavior and abide by the Code of Conduct (Code) of the Association.

It is the intent of the Association to provide a fair and impartial review procedure to determine whether Members have been involved in misconduct while participating in activities sponsored by the Association, USA Hockey, WAHA Hockey or any other participating event. An individual is participating in sponsored activity if he or she is a spectator, a volunteer minor game official (time-keeper, score keeper, penalty box supervisor or other off-ice official), a player or coach on an Association team or in attendance at any event sponsored by the Association.

When it is found that a Member has violated the Code of Conduct, the Association will discipline the individual in accordance with the procedures and penalties set forth in this policy and guideline.

Summary Suspension Pending Review: In instances where the alleged infractions are of a serious nature, the Disciplinary Committee Board member with the concurrence of another elected Board member of the Association or the President can suspend a Member from participating in any Association activity until the Committee reviews the matter during a Review Meeting. At the Review Meeting the Committee may continue or terminate the suspension while the matter is under review.

Violation of Rink Rules/Protocol: Penalty enforcement for violation of rink rules will be carried out by the Association, in conjunction with the appropriate rink manager. Severity and penalty duration will be administered by the Association. The rink(s) maintain their right to restrict, suspend, or terminate the privileges of persons and/or teams violating any of these rules.

Code of Conduct: The Code of Conduct is based upon the rules of the USA Hockey Association and WAHA Hockey. 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. Making physical contact with any player, coach, an on or off-ice official, an association or league representative, arena personnel, spectator or parent.
2. Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, association or league representative, arena personnel, spectator, or parent.
3. Going onto the ice surface for any reason, unless directed by a coach or other official.
4. Bullying
5. Entering the bench area during a game.
6. Entering the locker room of any opposing team or obstructing their access or exit from said room or arena.
7. Entering the locker room of any official or obstructing their access or exit from said room or arena.
8. Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms that is offensive to other persons
9. Throwing of any object onto the ice surface, into the player's area, or at another individual.
10. Pounding or climbing on the glass.
11. Defacing or damaging property belonging to any individual, team, association, or arena.
12. Violating posted Rink Rules, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Damage to the facility and / or vandalism of any sort

- ii. Theft of any kind
 - iii. Violation of the floor hockey rule
13. Being involved with any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials.
 14. Inciting other persons to become involved in any of the above listed activities.
 15. Any other conduct deemed inappropriate by the officials, representatives, and Board members of AAYHA, and rink personnel.

24 Hour Rule: Coaches should not discuss a 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 Member is not to approach a coach to discuss 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.

For parents/guardians, it is important to separate game emotions from the best interests of their child's sports development. For this reason, Antigo Area Youth Hockey Association has adopted the "24 Hour Rule". The intent of the 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.

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

Player Signature & Date
