



Arnprior Minor Hockey Association
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AMHA Code of Conduct

The Arnprior Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) dedicates itself to the advancement of its minor hockey program for all individuals by ensuring meaningful opportunities and enjoyable experiences in a safe sportsmanlike environment.

The AMHA Code of Conduct has been developed in alignment with Hockey Canada and HEO Codes of Conduct and expectations, for all players, family members, guardians and volunteers, including the Association's Executive members, collectively known as "AMHA members". This Code applies to the conduct that may arise during the course of any AMHA business, activities and events. This includes any sanctioned AMHA (or HEO) activities including games, tournaments, practices, training camps, try-outs, travel, team events and any meetings or interaction with the AMHA Executive.

This Code should be read in conjunction with HEO's policies on conduct and behaviour, including but not limited to:

- 6.3 Maltreatment, Bullying and Harassment Protection and Prevention Policy
- 6.33 Codes of Conduct for Directors, Coaches, Officials and Players
 - 6.33.1 HEO Officials Program Code of Conduct
- 6.39 Code of Conduct for Parents
- 6.44 Spectator Zero Tolerance Abuse Policy

All AMHA members are expected to review the applicable Code(s) of Conduct that applies to them and familiarize themselves with the expectations set out therein. All AMHA members will be aware that there is an expectation, at all times, of appropriate behaviour consistent with AMHA and HEO values.

The intent of this Code is to ensure a fun and pleasurable experience for all who attend any function under the AMHA umbrella. The Code strives to simply place emphasis on respect for: the game, the rules, the facility, the players, the officials, the bench staff, the family members and the volunteers, and their respective decisions. All members are expected to maintain proper self-control at all times.

The AMHA has either established or adopted a series of policies surrounding appropriate behaviour and requirements including the Ontario dressing room policy, digital device usage, dressing room supervision, player supervision, hazing, anti-doping, alcohol, and drug use, to name a few. These policies can be found on the AMHA's website within the Risk & Safety Management space. All AMHA members are encouraged to review and adhere to all requirements set out within these policies (e.g., minimum attire requirement and 'rule of two' dressing room supervision, etc.).

In addition, the AMHA has adopted various screening processes, training qualifications and requirements in order to proactively evaluate and/or educate all AMHA members to ensure a successful, positive and safe hockey season. All AMHA bench staff members are expected to meet all qualifications and complete any expected training requirements, which are subject to change from time to time in accordance with HEO and Hockey Canada expectations. As previously stated, all bench staff members are also subject to the same expectations and requirements set out within the above-mentioned policies.

To reduce the number of abusive and harassing incidents in hockey, we all have a monumental responsibility to model respectful behaviours. We are role models for our children and youth; therefore, it is vital we act accordingly.

As such, any excessive profanity, harassment, or aggression directed at a game official, AMHA volunteer, player, parent, child, or arena staff will not be tolerated, and appropriate disciplinary action will result from these actions.

Conduct During and After Game Play

Player, bench staff and spectator conduct during game play will be addressed by the assigned on-ice official(s). Abusive behaviour towards an official wearing a green armband will be strictly enforced and will result in doubled suspensions. No bench staff members or spectators are permitted to enter the timekeeper/penalty box area during game play (except where technological difficulties are encountered with the clock or iPad).

Similarly, bench staff members, players or spectators are not permitted to enter the officials' dressing room before or after game play. Inappropriate conduct or behaviour exhibited following game play should be raised in accordance with the process outlined in the Association's complaint policy.

Complaints of inappropriate behaviour or misconduct will be dealt with in accordance with the AMHA's Complaints Policy. Appropriate disciplinary action will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. All investigations of misconduct or inappropriate behaviour follow a strict set of rules and guidelines to ensure confidentiality, neutrality, and fairness.

Any questions relating to this Code, or any associated policies can be sent to:

<mailto:riskmanagement@arnpriorminorhockey.ca>.