

# PELHAM YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Player and Parent Code of Conduct

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### Association Philosophy

The purpose of the Pelham Recreation Ice Hockey, Inc., doing business as Pelham Youth Hockey Association (the “*Association*”), is, among other things, to promote the health and well-being of boys and girls, resident in Pelham, New York and surrounding communities, through participation in athletics in general and in the sport of amateur ice hockey in particular, including instruction, education, and training in the fundamentals of ice skating, ice hockey, physical fitness, responsibility, self-reliance, cooperation, leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork, and team spirit. In order to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of participants in Association programs and any others involved in Association activities (including opposing players and coaches, referees, and by-standers) and to otherwise facilitate the fulfillment of the purposes of the Association, the Association requires each of its players and his or her parents or guardians to evidence their understanding of and agreement to the Association’s player and parent code of conduct by signing this form.

Accordingly, please read this form carefully, and then print legibly the requested information and sign this form in the spaces provided below.

### Player Conduct

I, the undersigned Association player (the “*Player*”), agree that I will:

- Have fun!
- Give 100 percent effort, listen to coaches, and support teammates at each game and practice, both on and off the ice.
- Not engage in horseplay on the ice or in the locker room or anywhere else while engaged in Association activities.
- Practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices, both on and off the ice, and other Association activities.
- Respect teammates, coaches, referees, and opponents at all times.
- Not use foul or abusive language, engage in disrespectful behavior, or exhibit poor sportsmanship towards, or fight with, opponents, teammates, or anyone else, on or off the ice, or deface, damage, or destroy property.
- Recognize that teammates will be at different stages of their hockey development. Never bully or pick on teammates on or off the ice or criticize their hockey playing skills. Show the strength of character, if I witness anyone engaging in such behavior, to intervene on my teammate’s behalf.
- Know and abide by the rules of the game of hockey.
- Understand that games and practices are not optional, and make every effort to attend each game and practice. Give as much advance notice as possible to my coach if I will not be able to attend a game or practice.
- Be on time to games and practices. Understand that pre-game preparation with my coaches is extremely important. Be dressed and ready to go at least half an hour before each game.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

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*Player full legal name*

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*Signature*

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*Date*

### Parent Conduct

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the Player, agree that I will:

- Always remember that hockey is just a game. Have fun and encourage the Player to have fun. Provide positive, enthusiastic support for the Player’s team.
- Emphasize the values of discipline, hard work, teamwork, and sportsmanship, not winning and losing.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices.
- Behave in the stands. Understand that my conduct reflects on the Association and the Pelham community at large.
- Not use foul or abusive language, engage in disrespectful behavior, or exhibit poor sportsmanship towards, or fight with, players, spectators, referees, or coaches, or deface, damage, or destroy property. Understand that referees have the authority to remove any spectator from the rink during a game.
- Remember that Association coaches are volunteers who devote a great deal of their time to the Player’s development. Treat Association coaches with respect.

- Not coach the Player or his or her team during or after a game or practice, as this only serves to confuse them and dilute the efforts of their coaches.
- Handle any grievances privately with the Player’s coaches. Not complain about playing time, positions, coaching, or other matters to the Player or other players or parents. Observe the “24-hour rule”, in that if I have a grievance, I will wait until the next day to contact the coach to discuss it. Understand that Association coaches are committed to an open dialogue with parents on all issues and encourage constructive criticism. Contact a member of the Association board of directors if I do not believe that an Association coach is being responsive to a legitimate grievance.
- Make every effort to ensure that the Player attends each game and practice. Give as much advance notice as possible to the Player’s coach if the Player will not be able to attend a game or practice.
- Ensure that the Player is on time to games and practices. Understand that pre-game preparation is extremely important. Ensure that the Player is dressed and ready to go at least half an hour before each game.

<i>Parent or guardian 1 full legal name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Parent or guardian 2 full legal name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

**Conduct Giving Rise to Disciplinary Action**

In accordance with the by-laws of the Association:

- If any Association player is ejected from a game by a referee, then the ejected player will automatically and immediately be suspended for one game. The board of directors may by a majority vote extend any such suspension up to one year and expand the scope of such suspension to include all games, practices, and other Association activities. Such one-game suspensions are not subject to appeal.
- If any parent, guardian, or relative of any Association player is ejected from a game by a referee, then: (i) the ejected party will automatically and immediately be suspended from all games, practices, and other Association activities for thirty days; and (ii) the player may, by a majority vote of the board of directors, be suspended from all games, practices, and other Association activities for up to thirty days. The board of directors may by a majority vote extend any such suspension for up to one year. Such thirty-day suspensions are not subject to appeal.
- The board of directors (or any standing or special committee of the board of directors formed for that purpose) must promptly investigate any failure by any Association player or any parent, guardian, or relative of any Association player to abide by any applicable code of conduct or other Association rule, regulation, or policy that is reported in writing to or otherwise brought to the attention of the co-presidents or the board of directors. The board of directors (acting on the recommendation of any committee, if applicable) may by a majority vote (in addition to any punishment imposed as noted above) punish any such failure with suspension from all games, practices, and other Association activities of up to one year or expulsion from the Association.
- All fees and other amounts paid to the Association are subject to forfeiture for violations of any code of conduct or other conduct or disciplinary rules, regulations, or policies of the Association. Under no circumstance will any Association player or any parent, guardian, or relative of any Association player be entitled, in connection or as a result of any disciplinary action (including expulsion from the Association), to any refund of any kind or in any amount whatsoever of any fees or other amounts previously paid or payable to the Association.