



Player and Parent Conduct Agreement

PLAYER CONDUCT

Players are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and responsible manner and act as a team on and off the ice.

On the Ice - Unsportsmanlike conduct (trash talking, swearing, yelling at the referees, opposing team, or your own teammates.) or the intent to injure another player (slashing, checking from behind, high sticking, etc.) will not be tolerated.

Off the Ice - In the locker rooms, corridors, parking lots, and elsewhere, you are representative of your team and Maulers Hockey. Players are expected to show the highest level of respect for their teammates, officials, opponents, and spectators. This means no bullying, no teasing, no trash talking, no hand gestures, no demeaning locker room antics, no swearing, no locker boxing and no fighting. Players will show respect for their Head Coach and Team Staff.

Reporting - Reporting of violations can come from players, coaches, parents, referees, league officials, or Mauler Hockey Board members.

Disciplinary Action – Depending upon the severity of the infraction, the player could be subject to action based on team rules up to, and including, suspension by the Maulers Rules and Ethics Committee for infractions of the Zero Tolerance Policy. More serious violations could result in action from the AHAI Suspension Committee.

Appeals - Appeals for team initiated action can be made to the Maulers Hockey Director. Decisions from the Maulers Rules and Ethics Committee can be made to the President of the Board of Directors.

COMMITMENT & ATTENDANCE

Parents and players must realize that membership on a Maulers Travel team requires a significant commitment. Although the attendance policy excuses certain types of absences, it is important to remember that hockey is a team sport and that the team suffers if any of its members are absent. Parents and players should make every effort to be responsible, contributing members of their teams if they choose to try out for travel hockey and are placed on a team.

Parents and players should be willing to abide by the following policies before committing to a travel team.

1. Maulers Travel hockey players are required to attend all scheduled games, practices and skills clinics over the course of the season. Players will be allowed excused absences for school activities, religious holidays and ceremonies and family emergencies. However, more than three excused absences will be viewed as excessive and could effect a player's ice time.



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In addition, each player will be allowed one unexcused absence, which will be counted as an excused absence. Even though this absence can be use “at will”, the coach should still be contacted to allow him to plan for the absence.

If a team or player has more than one scheduled hockey event in one day, (excluding tournaments) one of the events must be designated (by the coach) as optional. If a practice scheduling change occurs with less than 48 hours notice, the rescheduled team practice must be considered optional. If a practice game is scheduled with less than 48 hours notice, the practice game must be considered optional. Rescheduling of NIHL regular season games will not be optional. Attendance will be mandatory. Attendance at NIHL and AHAI playoff games are mandatory regardless of last minute scheduling.

2. Attendance is required over the Thanksgiving weekend for participation in a local tournament (if participation is agreed based on Mauler Hockey policies), and all other weekends during the hockey season. This includes Martin Luther King and Presidents Day weekends. Winter break for Maulers Hockey is generally two weeks long and is scheduled to coincide with the calendars of the local schools.
3. If NIHL schedules do not coincide with a particular school calendar, those players will be required to attend all scheduled events.
4. Coaches will be responsible for enforcing the Maulers Hockey policy on unexcused absences. These rules, as well as any other rules concerning disciplinary matters, shall be applied consistently to all players. It will be the responsibility of the Head Coach and the Manager to determine if an absence is excused or unexcused. Any planned absence, not discussed with the coach and manager prior to the absence, will by definition be unexcused.

Coaches will deal with the unexcused absences within the framework of the following guidelines:

First absence: Player will sit out the first period of the following game.

Second absence: Player will sit out two periods of the following game.

Third absence: Player will be suspended for the next game.

Fourth absence: Player will be suspended immediately and must appear before the Maulers Hockey Rules and Ethics Committee with his / her parents and coach.

Mauler Hockey Head Coaches and Managers are responsible for enforcing these guidelines at Mauler Hockey events. Should extenuating circumstances limit the number of players on a particular roster for that next game (e.g., due to excused absences such as a sickness, school event, etc.), the Head Coach has the authority to postpone the punishments with notification to his team parents.



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PARENTAL CONDUCT

Maulers Hockey is a member of the Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL). NIHL Parent's Code of Conduct is reproduced below. Under NIHL's rules, the team, coach and manager are responsible for ensuring compliance with this code.

As a parent of a young person in the Northern Illinois Hockey League, I will do my part to help respect all participants.

I will not participate in any name calling or undesirable acts that detract from the game of hockey.

I resolve to conduct myself as a parent and adult even under the most trying circumstances.

I will remember that all of our children are looking to us for guidance.

It is important to remember that through hockey we are building a solid foundation for future character development.

Let's all help to make this the best year this League has ever seen. Welcome our guests at our home rink and recognize a good play no matter who makes it.

Finally, let's remember that each game is for our young people, and win or lose, it's a stride in life for them.

Maulers Hockey also has its own Parental Code of Conduct.

1. Parents will conduct themselves in a manner which will exemplify good sportsmanship and fair play.
2. Parents will be supportive of all team players and coaches both on and off the ice.
3. Parents will refrain from negative or derogatory comments about players, coaches and officials.
4. Parents will be responsible to see that their child attends practices and games on time.
5. Parents will contact their Coach, Hockey Director or a Board Member if a problem exists on their team.
6. Parents will be aware that their conduct at games is a reflection on Maulers Hockey.

Any parent's behavior occurring in or about any ice arena during a game or practice that brings discredit on Maulers Hockey or any of its players, parents, or coaches shall be immediately reported to a member of the Board of Directors and referred to the Rules and Ethics Committee. Upon such report, the necessary steps shall be taken to investigate the incident. If such investigation reveals that the incident occurred, appropriate action will be taken against the offending parent. If such parent who is banned appears at any game or practice from which the parent has been banned, the child of that parent shall be suspended from practice and games for the balance of the parent's ban.



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I have read and understand the above policies and will adhere to them.

PLAYER SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

PLEASE PRINT PLAYER NAME _____

PARENT SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR PLAYERS UNDER AGE 18:

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

PLEASE PRINT PARENT (S) NAME _____
