**Dakota Ice Hockey Program – Parent/Guardian and Athlete Code of Conduct Agreement**

**PARENT SECTION - As a parent/legal guardian of a student athlete involved in the Dakota Ice Hockey Program, I acknowledge and accept and agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines below. I also agree to the Rules/Goals/Expectations contained in the ATHLETE SECTION below.**

* **I will meet the financial obligations as outlined in the 2016-2017 Dakota Ice Hockey Budget. This includes the obligation to pay even if my athlete is no longer on the team.**
* **I accept and acknowledge that failure to meet the financial obligations and due dates will cause my son to lose practice and contest opportunities.**
* **I acknowledge the Dakota Athletic Code of Conduct is in effect 365 days per year. It is in effect all day, every day, and every place.**
* **I acknowledge and accept that Dakota Ice Hockey follows and adheres to the rules and regulations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the Macomb Area Conference, the Dakota Athletic Department and the Chippewa Valley School District.**
* **I acknowledge and accept that Dakota Ice Hockey is a non-funded program and all expenses must be financed by the parents.**
* **I acknowledge that the Dakota High School Athletic Director has complete and full overall authority over the Dakota Ice Hockey Program.**
* **I acknowledge that high school athletics are not the same as non-school athletics. Dakota Ice Hockey is not recreational in nature.**
* I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
* I will remember that my student athlete plays hockey for his/her enjoyment, not mine.
* I will encourage good sportsmanship through my actions, by demonstrating positive support for all players.
* I will provide support for coaches and officials working with the student athletes to provide a positive experience for all.
* I will demand my student athlete treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
* I will treat all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with dignity and in language, attitude, behavior, and mannerisms.
* I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety my student athlete or the safety of others.
* I will respect the property and equipment used at any sports facility, both home and away.

# **CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE** Examples of words or actions which will constitute a violation of this agreement include, but are not limited to the following:

## Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator.

## Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator.

## Going into the locker/dressing room of an opposing team or obstructing their access to or exit from said room and arena.

## Going into the officials’ locker/dressing room or obstructing their access to or exit from said room and arena.

## Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms. Displaying behavior that is unsportsmanlike in nature - including cheers.

## Going onto the ice surface or pounding on or climbing on the glass.

## Throwing of any object onto the ice surface, into the player area(s), or at another individual.

## Defacing or damaging property belonging to any individual, team, association or arena.

## Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials.

## Inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviors.

**ATHLETE SECTION - Rules/Goals/Expectations for Dakota Ice Hockey Athletes**

**As a member of the Dakota Ice Hockey Team for the 2016-2017 season, I agree to the following:**

1. Inappropriate and or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function is not permitted.
2. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating. Coaches (captains) are the only team members communicating with officials. No lashing out at any official no matter what the situation.
3. Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box. No gestures or animated motions.
4. The Athletic Code of Conduct is in effect all day every day. There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco or use of illegal substances. The Athletic Code of Conduct will be enforced.
5. I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc.) during all team functions.
6. Any player or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the team.
7. Appropriate behavior and following the team’s rules are a must.
8. Respect for authority of the coaches and referees must be maintained.
9. Respect for and support of teammates and team is expected at **ALL** times.
10. Hard work and commitment to improvement are expected at all times.
11. Discipline is expected at **ALL** times on and off the ice.
12. As an athlete on this team, I will commit to achieving at the highest level possible.
13. As an athlete on this team, I will play with intensity and determination to win every game.
14. As an athlete on this team, I will be on site **30 minutes** before practices.
15. As an athlete on this team, I will be dressed and on ice at the start of practice.
16. As an athlete on this team, I will be on site **60 minutes** before games.
17. As an athlete on this team, I will be dressed and ready to play **10 minutes** before game time.
18. As an athlete on this team, I will participate in **ALL** off - ice conditioning & pre - game warm ups.
19. The use of cell phones in locker room is strictly prohibited. The penalty is: 1st Offense = Warning – 2nd Offense = Suspended for 1 Game – 3rd Offense Dismissal from team.
20. Athlete absences; must have a timely phone call from player to the coach.
21. Locker room must be kept clean (no equipment on floor)
22. **This is Varsity hockey. All players will earn ice time. This includes effort in practice. Just because you are a Senior or Junior does not guarantee playing time or a spot in the game lineup. Depending on the number of players taken, some players may see limited ice time and/or may not dress for some or all games.**
23. Parents are **NOT** permitted in the Locker room before or after game unless authorized by coach.
24. Parents are **NOT** allowed on or near bench unless asked by the coach or the injured player.
25. The ***players and parents*** will understand that when they accept the position with the **Dakota Hockey Team**, they are not only representing the team, but themselves and **Dakota High School**. The players and parents will all act with respect and conduct themselves in a manner that is acceptable to a player/parent agreement that they are required to sign**. THIS INCLUDES ON AND OFF THE ICE. ANY** player and/or parent not abiding by these rules will be dealt with according to that document. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
26. We want the players and parents to make this experience a time that they will always look back on. Nothing makes us feel better than to talk to players and parents that **we** have had the pleasure to meet/coach and find out about how much **we** contributed to making memories that they can cherish for a lifetime. *Coach Andonoff*
27. **Good Communication** is an essential part of any team. My many years of experience has taught me that. With the many forms of communication available for us to use today it makes it so easy to keep everyone involved and up to date. **The players will always be aware of their progress and performance. With that being said, I have an open door policy and if for any reason you would like to discuss anything about your player, I will require that the player be present at that meeting.** *Coach Andonoff*
28. Over the years during my playing, coaching and officiating career I have learned the most important thing hockey players can do is work on individual skills. I had Laura Stamm as a power skating instructor when I was with the New York Rangers and Real Turcotte as a coach who worked extensively with stick handling/puck control. Players need to be very proficient in basic skills, i.e. skating, stick handling, passing and shooting to make any system work. *Coach Andonoff*
29. The team will be taught different systems; however, what is far more important and usually not taught is how players read and react when a team is defending that system. Players will be expected to think on their feet and adapt to these situations.
30. **Being Positive.** Patience and praise work a lot better than criticism and shouting.
31. I will take the time to get to know the players, on and off the ice. You can learn so much about a player from just listening. Every child wants to feel valued in some way. Find out something unique about them. Point out something they do well, daily. *Coach Andonoff*
32. Clear communication. **See it, hear it, and demonstrate it.**  I will attempt to understand how each player learns and will tailor the instruction and information to reach its intended target. *Coach Andonoff*
33. I will deliver constructive criticism and **PRAISE** in a way that players will take to heart. *Coach Andonoff*
34. I will clearly communicate rules and consequences. *Coach Andonoff*
35. Make sure all players know that the **TEAM** comes first. Anything that disrupts or hurts the team or individual team members is **NOT ACCEPTABLE**. Understand that no one person is bigger than the **TEAM**. I will make sure that the players know the consequences of unacceptable behavior and that it will be dealt with accordingly. *Coach Andonoff*
36. Some people look at hockey as a game; to me it is so much more than that. It has made me the man I am today and for that I am grateful. I will promise to all of you that I will do everything in my power to pass on my passion and love for the game to everyone I may come across as a representative of the Dakota Hockey Program. *Coach Andonoff*

**I understand that by signing this document I am agreeing to support and promote the Dakota Ice Hockey Program and this Athlete and Parent/Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement and acknowledge that this is generally descriptive of the most obvious considerations, but is not an exclusive list. The coach and athletic director have the authority to deal appropriately with any other types of conduct or situations that interfere with the good order of the Dakota Ice Hockey Program. Further, my failure to comply with this Agreement or my participation in any of the defined CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from The Dakota Ice Hockey Program with NO REFUND. I am responsible for my financial obligations even if my athlete is no longer on the team.**

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