

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

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**Elite Hockey Academy Student-Athlete Code of Conduct**

Each year we want all hockey players and their parents or guardians to know what is expected of them through the hockey season. Everyone should endeavor to have a fun learning experience each year with minimum distractions. It is our hope that with mutual consent from players, parents, and coaches that this will be accomplished. Cooperation and teamwork is vital to your team’s success!

**Player Code of Conduct Contract**

In exchange for the opportunity to play for the Elite Hockey Academy, I promise to do the following:

* Work Hard in School. I promise to work hard in school and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 above all else. Hockey comes second to all school projects and work. I understand that my coach can ask to see my report card at any time to ensure that I am maintaining my grades. If the player’s grades are below the organization standard, the coach can enforce a penalty such as reduced playing‐time or suspension from the team indefinitely.
* Attendance. I promise to be at the rink, on the ice, in the gym, and in school at the time the practice, game, workout, or class is scheduled. I understand that if I am late for a practice, game, workout or class it makes it hard for my coaches, teachers and teammates. If I contact my coach or teacher before the practice, game, or workout or class starts and miss because of illness, school or special family activities my absence will be excused. If I miss a practice, game, workout or school without being excused, I understand the coach may enforce a penalty such as reduced playing‐time or suspension from the team indefinitely.
* Be Prepared To Play. I promise to come to every practice, game and scrimmage prepared to play hard and do my best.
* I will takecare of my equipment and my uniform.
* I will take care of my body by eating right and getting enough sleep before games and I will be responsible for making sure I am ready to play hockey.
* Be Ready to Learn. I will come to every practice and game ready to learn more about hockey and how to play the game.
* I will accept and forgive my mistakes and the mistakes of my teammates, coaches, referees and officials because I understand that we can all learn from our mistakes.
* Have a Winning Attitude. I like to win and my team likes to win and I know that a big part of a winning season is a winning attitude. That means that I will try hard, never give up and always try to encourage my teammates to do the same. Then, even if we do not win, we can be proud of ourselves for having given our best effort.
* Respect My Teammates. I will treat my teammates respectfully and will encourage them so they can do their best. I will help my teammates by exercising self‐control both on and off the ice and to have fun without making it hard for anyone else to have fun. I will never “make fun of” or “put‐down” a teammate because those remarks reflect poorly upon me and my team.
* I will not use offensive language around my teammates.
* Respect My Coaches. I will listen to my coaches and try to understand what they are trying to teach me. I will ask questions if I do not understand. I will not swear or talk back to my coaches. I will share my ideas but understand that coaches have final say. They have more experience and knowledge.
* Respect the Referees. Even though I may disagree with the officials or referees, I will exercise self‐control and direct my energy to play harder so that I will earn the respect of my teammates, coaches and the other team. I will not swear to or talk back to the referees.
* Respect the Elite Hockey Academy. I will demonstrate pride in Elite Hockey Academy by respecting all rules of our team and as well as the rules of other rinks and tournaments.
* Follow the Dress Code. I will wear only team authorized apparel for games. While in school, all students will be dressed in Khaki shorts or pants, polo or button down shirts, and dress shoes. Shirts will be tucked in with a belt. I am part of a team and it is up to me to make sure that I am dressed professionally on and off the ice.
* Respect the Locker Room. I understand that the locker room is a place to get dressed and prepare for practice or game. No horse play is allowed in the locker room. I will not bring any electronic devices in the locker room. I will make sure that I clean up after myself and not make a mess of the locker room. I will not be allowed to leave until all trash is cleaned up.

**Penalties for Breach of Player Promises.**

If I break any of my promises in this Player Contract, I agree that the coaches may give me a warning or ask me to leave the ice. If I continue to be disrespectful of these promises, I may be asked to leave the ice, have a meeting with the coach and parents, or be benched for several shifts, a period or a game. I acknowledge that the consequence for my breaking my promise will be determined by the coaches based on how often I have broken my promises and the nature of my conduct and the circumstances at the time of the incident.