



Player / Parent Agreement
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The following are the terms by which the undersigned player and their parent/guardian agree to upon their acceptance of a position on a hockey team of Atom aged players or older with the Avalon Minor Hockey Association (AMHA).

Forms are to be signed by a parent or guardian and submitted during the registration process.

1. Expected Conduct of Players, Coaches and Parents

A. Players must be well behaved during any activities with or caused by their participation in AMHA or Affiliated League. It is a coach's right to discipline a player for behaviour, which is judged to be unacceptable (see appendix A – Disciplinary Procedure). Should there be future instances of such behavior, the player in question may be further disciplined by the Grievance and Discipline Committee.

B. Players will not use or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or banned substances or smoke while involved with activities associated with or caused by their participation in AMHA.

C. Players, Coaching staff or Association members shall treat each other, opposing players, coaches and game officials with respect and show good sportsmanship at all times.

D. Zero tolerance for bullying.

E. Players, Coaching staff members or Association members will not damage rink property.

F. Players and Coaching staff shall not gamble for money during any activities associated with or caused by their participation in AMHA. Please note: Fundraising events are not considered to be a form of gambling.

G. A player's parent's behaviour, which is judged by the Discipline Committee to be abusive or intimidating toward a player, coaching staff members, other parent, executive member associated with AMHA or any other hockey association, or any game official shall be dealt with severely and may result in the members of the parent's family being suspended from all activity with AMHA and the future refusal to register any members of that family.

H. Teams are to effectively communicate an acceptable drop off time for their players prior to games and practices where a 100% supervision is present in the dressing room.

2. Equipment & Uniforms

- A. Players shall wear all the equipment as specified and required by the Canadian Hockey association (CHA) while on the ice or the bench.
- B. Equipment worn must be certified by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) if there is an applicable CSA equipment standard.
- C. All neck guards must be BNQ certified.
- D. AMHA will provide appropriate jerseys with cresting and numbers for all teams.
- E. Jerseys are the property of AMHA and shall only be worn during games. At no time are assigned league jerseys to be worn during practice sessions.
- F. Players must wear their assigned jersey during competition.
- G. Lettering for a player's name shall not be placed directly on a jersey. The lettering must be placed on a cloth strip (name bar), which must be sewn on the jersey (not glued or heat applied).
- H. Team jerseys shall be returned to the Treasurer or Association Designate upon the completion of the final team function in each respective season.
- I. Any player who causes unnecessary damages to a jersey, or loaned equipment, as decided by the Treasurer, shall be suspended from all activities until the cost of the replacement has been paid.
- J. Any player who did not return a jersey the previous season shall be suspended from all activities and billed \$100.00 for the replacement of cost of each jersey.

3. Rules Regarding Player's Status on a Competitive Team

- A. If a player's Competitive Fee is deemed to be outstanding by the Treasurer at the December 15th deadline of the current season, he/she will be dropped from the team and will not be allowed to play in the Competitive Program for the remainder of the year.
- B. No player may be a member of more than one AMHA Competitive Program. If a player is asked to be a member of a team and refuses to be a member, he/she shall not be allowed to be a member of any Competitive team for that year. The player will not be allowed to change his/her decision as refusal is considered final.
- C. Players shall participate with their respective team in the All Newfoundland Tournaments during Easter.
 - I. If at any time during the current season it is determined that a player will not be attending the All Newfoundland Tournament, he/she will be immediately removed from the team and a replacement player found as soon as possible**
 - II. If a player fails to fulfill this requirement, he/she will not be selected for a Competitive team in the following season unless he/she has written permission from the Vice President – Competitive Program for the absence**

- III. If a Second Year Bantam player fails to fulfill this requirement, he/she will not be in good standing with AMHA and therefore will not be eligible for selection to a Competitive team in the Doug Marshall Hockey League (DMHL) in the following season unless he/she has written permission from the Vice President – Competitive Program for the absence**

D. Final selections and team rosters will be completed and received at the AMHA office prior to the commencement of the Don Johnson Hockey League (DJHL). During the selection process the selection committee, in conjunction with the coaching staff and the technical director, may determine exhibition games against other associations are required to allow for real game play situations during the evaluation and selection process.

- I. All players are permitted to miss one try-out session unless he/she has prior written permission from the Vice President – Competitive Program and/or the Technical Director for the absence.
- II. Should a player be deemed unable to try-out during the regular try-out period due to an injury, they will have 30 days from the team selection date to be fully recovered and avail of an individual try-out. If the player in question is not fully recovered within the said 30 days, he or she will **not** be permitted to try-out for the respective all-star division within that given season.

E. As part of the player's commitment to their competitive team, players are required to attend all AMHA practices, games and regularly scheduled team functions, unless excused prior to by the coaching staff. For a player to be excused there **must** be contact with the coach with ample notice. Should a player not be excused, as a result of not providing adequate notice, refer to Appendix A for disciplinary procedure.

F. The coach reserves the right to ask why the player will be absent. It will be the sole discretion of the coach to determine if the reason given is acceptable or not.

G. Ice time

- I. Atom – Equal. Goalies **Must** split games halfway despite HNL options included below.
- II. Pee Wee & Bantam House - Equal
- III. Pee Wee & Bantam All Star - Discretion 1

H. HNL Definitions: **Equal**: Is defined as equal ice-time every game. There has to be a variable allowed due to the uncertainty in the frequency in stoppages of play. Goaltenders have the option of changing during the mid-way point of each game or play full games as long as they have equal game time throughout a season and/or provincial championship. Goaltenders are restricted to a one game differential throughout the season or tournament. The championship game in a provincial tournament is excluded from this definition for goaltenders only. Coaches may play either goaltender. **Discretion 1**: is defined as equal ice time in every game, however, there is the ability for a coach to use select players in the following situations: (a) In all special team situations in the third period; (b) In the last three (3) minutes of the third period; and (c) In any overtime period(s) that ensue.

4. AMHA Uniforms

A. Players during competition will wear a name bar. Lettering for a player's name shall not be placed directly on a jersey. The lettering must be placed on a cloth strip (name bar), which must be sewn on the jersey (not glued or heat applied).

B. Players are required to wear Association approved hockey socks so that the socks match the jerseys.

C. Jerseys are the property of AMHA and shall only be worn during game times. At no time are assigned league jerseys to be worn during practice sessions. Team managers or their designate shall collect all jerseys after each game

5. AMHA Electronic Devices in Locker Room Policy

The Avalon Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) recognizes and appreciates the prevalence and use of electronic and wireless devices amongst our stakeholders. AMHA also respects the privacy rights of all Association staff, volunteers, players and parents while using locker room, change areas or similar spaces at a Facility.

For the purpose of this Electronic, Wireless and Mobile Devices in Locker Rooms Policy, the policy will encompass all electronic and wireless devices including but not limited to; computers, laptops, tablets, notebooks, cellular phones, smartphones, personal digital assistants (PDA's), iPhones, iPads, iPods, and any other electronic device with recording capabilities (which includes voice, still pictures and video).

Electronic, wireless and mobile devices with recording capabilities, increase the risk for some forms of abuse or misconduct. As a result, the use of any device in the locker rooms, changing areas, or similar spaces at a Facility is prohibited. If phones or other electronic, wireless or mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside the locker room, changing area or similar space.

Pictures for media, team celebrations and individual recognition should be taken outside the dressing room. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the AMHA Executive Director. Use of electronic devices by coaching staff for the purpose of illustration and instruction may be permitted however, permission must be obtained from the AMHA Executive Director prior to use.

The AMHA will investigate reported violation(s) of this policy. If the investigation determines that a violation has occurred, AMHA Board and where appropriate in consultation with the Team, other Associations, Leagues, and/or Hockey NL, will impose an appropriate disciplinary action.

Any appeal of the disciplinary action will be dealt with as set out in Hockey NL's Handbook/Guidelines.

Appendix A

Should there be a situation that warrants disciplinary action the following guidelines will apply:

- I. **Level I** - First offence the player may be issued a verbal warning by the coach, to be documented and filed
- II. **Level II** - Second offence the Player may be suspended by the coach for a maximum of two events, to be documented and filed
- III. **Level III** - Player is suspended until further notice and the matter is referred to the Grievance and Discipline Committee. All situations will be resolved within 72 hours of the infraction. All infractions at this level will remain on file until the start of the following season, at which time the respective players new coach will be briefed on the details surrounding the previous disciplinary action. This briefing is to act as a historical base line in considering any disciplinary processes going forward.

Please note: All Discipline could warrant dismissal from a team based on the severity of the infraction

Some examples of situation that would warrant disciplinary action are as follows:

1. The use of profanity - Age appropriate discipline. Level I, II & III governed accordingly.
2. Failure to provide adequate notice for missing a regularly scheduled team function. Level I, II & III governed accordingly
3. Fighting – Not acceptable at any level. Severe discipline going automatically to level III
4. Bullying – Not acceptable at any level. Severe discipline going automatically to level III
5. Intent to Injure - Not acceptable at any level. Severe discipline going automatically to level III

In examples 3, 4 and 5 discretionary discipline can be more severe than that issued by a game official (for on ice infractions), should the situation be deemed necessary by the Grievance and Disciplinary Committee.

These five examples are only a small sample of many situations that could warrant discipline. Each altercation will be evaluated at the time of the offence and disciplinary action will be determined at that time and administered accordingly.

Payment of Fees

The fees for the competitive program are set by the AMHA Executive annually. Payment of fees is to be made in a timely fashion as established by the Treasurer, but in no case shall be outstanding past December 15th of the appropriate season. Acceptance of this agreement shall mean that acceptable arrangements for payment have been made with the Treasurer.

Player's Name (Please Print Clearly)

Parent's/Guardian's Name (Please Print Clearly)

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Website/Publication Photo Permission

I, _____, **REFUSE** to grant permission to the AMHA to use my child _____'s photo on the AMHA website or any other publication of the AMHA.

Parent/Guardian 's Signature

Date