



Player/Parent Agreement

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 with the Southern Shore Minor Hockey Association (SSMHA).

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

Expected Conduct of Players, Coaches and Parents

1. Players must be well behaved during any activities with or caused by their participation in SSMHA or Affiliated League. It is a coach's right to discipline a player for behavior, 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 Discipline Committee.
2. 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 SSMHA.
3. 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.
4. Zero tolerance for bullying.
5. Players, Coaching staff members or Association members will not damage rink property or the property of any other player.
6. Players and Coaching staff shall not gamble for money during any activities associated with or caused by their participation in SSMHA. Please note: Fundraising events are not considered to be a form of gambling.
7. A player's parent's behavior, which is judged by the Discipline Committee to be abusive or intimidating toward a player, coaching staff members, other parent, executive member associated with SSMHA or any other hockey association, or any game official shall be dealt with severely and will result in the parent being banned from all activities with the SSMHA and if this does not resolve the problem the next level may result in the members of the parent's family being suspended from all activity with SSMHA and the future refusal to register any members of that family.
8. If there is an issue, all parents, players and coaches are to use the 24 hour email rule and think about the situation for 24 hours before sending an email or bringing the issue forward. All issues should be brought to the coaches first and if not resolved, then the Executive should be made aware of the situation in writing.
9. All appeal requests will have to be made in writing and submitted to the Executive along with a \$200.00 processing fee. If the appeal is won, the \$200.00 will be refunded.

Equipment and 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 certified.
- D. SSMHA will provide appropriate jerseys with cresting and numbers for all teams.
- E. Jerseys are the property of SSMHA 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 Team Manager, 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 or Association Designate, shall be suspended from all activities until the cost of the replacement has been paid.

Rules Regarding Player's Status on all Hockey Teams

- 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 Minor Hockey Program for the remainder of the year.
- B. No player may be a member of more than one SSMHA 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.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - If a **Second Year Bantam** player fails to fulfill this requirement, he/she will not be in good standing with SSMHA 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 SSMHA office prior to the commencement of the Don Johnson Hockey League (DJHL) Ice Breaker Tournament in the Atom Division. 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. 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 team, players are required to attend all SSMHA 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 giving the coach at least 24 hours notice. If the child is sick on the day of the game or practice, then the coach should be called right away to let them know.
- 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
- Atom
 - Fair Play
 - Pee Wee (As per new Hockey NL Ice Time Allocation Rules)
 - Coach's discretion for last three minutes of the game.
 - PK (Penalty Kill) & PP (Power Play) for whole team for the first 2 periods; discretion only in the 3rd period
 - Bantam (As per new Hockey NL Ice Time Allocation Rules)
 - Coach's discretion for last three minutes of the game.
 - PK (Penalty Kill) & PP (Power Play) for whole team for the first 2 periods; discretion only in the 3rd period

Equipment and 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 SSMHA and shall only be worn during game times. At no time are assigned league jerseys to be worn during practice sessions.

Appendix A

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

- Level I
 - First offence the player may be issued a verbal warning by the coach, to be documented and filed.
- Level II
 - Second offence the Player may be suspended by the coach for a maximum of two events, to be documented and filed.
- 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 hockey program are set by the SSMHA 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.

I have read and fully understand all 4 pages of this agreement and agree to and will adhere to the terms in their entirety

Player's Name (Please Print Cleary)

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

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

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

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Website/Publication Photo Permission

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

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

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date