

# **ROCKY RIVER YOUTH HOCKEY**



**Parent Handbook  
2009-2010**

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## **EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of Rocky River Youth Hockey is responsible to oversee the administrative, legal and financial affairs of our organization. The Board will provide support to the Program Directors and the Advisory Council in the activities of our organization.

Rocky River Youth Hockey By-Laws are available upon request.

## **YOUTH HOCKEY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

***-Formed in 1994 to aid the Recreation department in the administration of the Youth Hockey Program.***

***-The Council consists of:***

- 1 elected member of each age group
- Coaches representatives
- Parks and Recreation Commission representative
- Rocky River High School hockey coach
- Member of Rocky River Recreation staff

***-Primary function of the Council is to garner feedback on the program from its members.***

***-Other duties include:***

- admission of new non-resident participants
- assist in communication with team representatives
- aid in selection of coaches
- aid in determination of levels of play

# **ROCKY RIVER YOUTH HOCKEY**

## **YOUTH HOCKEY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The following people make up the Y.H.A.C.

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Jim Grisanti	716-9533	PW Rep.
Marc Fox	930-2449	Squirt Rep.
Dan Mitchell	258-7146	Mite Rep.

Advisory Council meetings posted on the hockey bulletin board are open to all hockey parents. Please contact one of the above persons to be put on the agenda.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dan Brogan  
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## **PURPOSE**

The City of Rocky River has supported youth hockey from its inception and will continue to do so. The Recreation Department has provided an opportunity for all young hockey players to participate and develop in the game of hockey.

The Youth Hockey Program, sponsored by the Rocky River Recreation Department, shall give children the opportunity to participate in a competitive youth hockey program.

The program shall emphasize the teaching of fundamental hockey skills, discipline, sportsmanship and a commitment to develop each player to his or her maximum level of ability.

Rocky River Youth Hockey is a member of Cleveland Suburban Hockey League (CSHL) which governs all Cleveland youth hockey programs.

The Rocky River Youth Hockey program prides itself and strives to place all registered players who participated the previous season on a team to play competitively in the Cleveland Suburban Hockey League (CSHL).

In a survey to the programs in the CSHL more than 60% of the participating programs are private clubs or independent organizations. Most of these programs host an open registration and tryout format, forming teams of the strongest, most skilled players that tryout to participate in the CSHL. Those players not placed on teams after tryouts are often left looking for a team to play on in September.

In order for the Rocky River program to remain competitive with the teams described above it must also choose from its registered players the most skilled to play together. Often times a group of players will remain together on the same team for several seasons because of the nature of the sport (similar to travel soccer teams) only adding and deleting players because of age, number of players on a team or the change in a players ability.

## AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>AGE CATEGORY</b>	<b>AGE DIVISION</b>
1991	18 Years	Midget 18 or Under
1992	17 Years	Midget 18 or Under
1993	16 Years	Midget 16 or Under
1994	15 Years	Midget 16 or Under
1995	14 Years	Bantam 14 or Under
1996	13 Years	Bantam 14 or Under
1997	12 Years	Pee Wee 12 or Under
1998	11 Years	Pee Wee 12 or Under
1999	10 Years	Squirt 10 or Under
2000	9 Years	Squirt 10 or Under
2001 & Younger	8 & Under	Mite 8 or Under

Players must be coach recommended and 6 years old **or** have completed Level 2 by June 30, 2009 to participate in the Mite program.

\*\* No player will be permitted to play down an age level.

Players must request in writing to move up to another level and have board approval on a year to year basis.

## **LEVELS OFFERED IN RIVER PROGRAM:**

**Beginning Hockey:** This division is divided into Level 1 and Level 2. Its purpose is to teach basic skating and hockey skills to each player. Skills include stickhandling, shooting and basic game concepts. It is the policy of the program that all players complete Level 2 before moving to the Mite or Squirt level. Special circumstances may occur and must be approved by the Learn-to-Play coaches to move a player who has not completed Level 2.

**Competitive-Travel Levels:** Travel teams are divided into five categories, AA, A1, A2, A3 and B, depending on the competitive level of both the player and the team.

Rocky River places teams in the division that best suits the players and their ability. Pre-season games help determine where the team will be best suited to play. The player placement for all divisions is available to all players except beginning hockey players.

**AA** The most competitive or top level of hockey is played at this level. The word competitive is a key to the AA concept. In order to participate in this level of play, the players and parents need to understand what kind of involvement and commitment it takes at this level. The selection committee and coaches are looking for players with above average skills and knowledge of the game. The player must show good sportsmanship, be coachable, and be dependable with a near perfect attendance record at all practices, games and tournaments. The cost for this level of play is generally higher because of a greater number of tournaments. Tournaments and playing out of town are all part of the commitment in the AA concept. Any player not adhering to the above AA guidelines may be subject to a reduction of ice time.

\*\* Failure to comply with the commitments required at the more advanced levels of competition, as explained in this handbook, may result in restrictions for player placement the following season.

\*\* Any player not interested in playing at the competitive AA level should notify the head coach running that divisions team placement *in writing*.

**A, B & C** These levels are designed for player development in skating, stickhandling and shooting with an 8 to 14 game season. (Tournaments not included)  
Coaches are required to play players on an equal basis throughout the course of the season with the following exceptions: Players at these levels are also expected to abide by the above commitment guidelines.

Player Injury    Disciplinary reason    Power Play    Penalty Kill

The above reasons can result in a reduction of ice time.

It is strongly exercised that coaches abide by these guidelines for player development and fair play.

## **REGISTRATION/TEAM PLACEMENT**

All players shall register at the proper age levels as determined by USA Hockey.

No player will be permitted to participate in any on-ice practices or games without first registering and paying the proper Recreation Dept. fees, USA Hockey fees and RRYH tournament fees.

### **Registration Fees will cover the following:**

1. Home ice cost
2. League Fees

All other costs, including equipment, jerseys, tournaments, and scrimmages are the responsibility of the participant.

### **Registration for Residents and Players who played in Rivers Youth program last season**

Registration for the coming season will be in early June

Players in last year's program will be notified by mail of registration dates and times.

### **Registration for returning Non-Resident**

Non-residents *previously* in the program wishing to return must apply for reinstatement prior to the completion of the initial registration.

Previous players wishing to play in the program must complete the “New Player” application and return it to the Youth Hockey directors before July 5.

### **Registration for NEW Non-Residents to Program**

A **New Player** is a player who did not play a full season the previous year in the Rocky River Youth Hockey program.

Before or shortly after the initial registration period any non-resident new to the program must fill out a NEW player application and return it to the youth Hockey directors before July 5.

Coaches wishing to recommend new players must justify the need.

Situations will be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the Advisory Council prior to team placement begins.

Players will be approved if it is determined that the new players will aid in the development of all current players to his or her maximum level and if space is available at the particular level.

Siblings of current players will be given first consideration for acceptance into the program.

### **Team Selection Process**

The team selection process will consist of the following:

At all age levels there will be at least **1 optional** conditioning and skills evaluation sessions where skating and skills will be emphasized and reviewed.

Team placement will then consist of 3-5 sessions for each age group.

Players should be dressed and ready to take the ice 15 minutes prior to scheduled ice times.

### **Team Placement Process**

Prior to team placement sessions, a parents meeting will be held for each age group to explain the process of selecting teams.

Items to be covered:

1. Head Placement Coach in charge of player placement
2. Number of teams in age group
3. Coaches for the teams
4. Placement process and notification and time of player placement
5. Review of Parent/Player Handbook

Head Player Placement coach will make sure drills are standardized for all groups skating.

Head Player Placement coach may choose to act as an observer during ice session with assistants and coaches from the other teams in the division running the ice session.

After each session all coaches will meet to discuss players and placement.

It is recommended that a standard evaluation form be used.

Ultimate decision for placement of players will be the responsibility of the Head coach of respective team.

Player placement will be based on ability **not** family circumstances. (i.e. RRYH will no longer accept requests to have siblings placed on same teams)

Team size is a function of the total number of registered players in each age group. Every effort will be made to keep team sizes as even as possible within each age group.

### **Communication of Placement**

The Head Player Placement Coach will communicate with players and parents when players will practice during final days of player placement.

Team assignments will be posted by player's helmet number on the RRYH website ([www.rockyriveryouthhockey.org](http://www.rockyriveryouthhockey.org)).

### **BANTAM PLACEMENT PROCESS**

September 17, 2009 – Bantam players will be divided into 4 practice teams (A,B,C, D). The team placements will be posted on the website by helmet number

Final bantam team placements will not be finalized until the end of pre-season or when the high school team placements are completed.

Bantam players trying out for a High School team will be **ineligible to play in the Pre Season** unless 1) Balance of Bantam fees are paid in full by Sept. 23 **or** 2) coaches invite players for certain games based on competition level

Reasons for the delayed placement of Bantam players is to insure our teams are placed in the proper CSHL division and that there is minimal to no movement of players after the pre season concludes. Pre Season RPI ranking system could be affected by players trying out for High School teams. Also, High School eligible players who make their High school teams leave vacancies in the Bantam program when they depart the program.

### **PRACTICES**

Players may rotate practices and games with other bantam practice teams per the coaches discretion.

Coaches will make a conscientious effort to give 2 or 3 days notice for players/parents planning schedules. Players should try and be as available and flexible as possible when assigned practice & games.

### **SUMMARY**

The following Bantam placement process is not intended to add stress, anxiety or frustration for anyone involved, but will be implemented to prevent movement of remaining players once High School eligible players possible leave the program. This process will also assist in the placement of our teams in the appropriate divisions in the CSHL with the preseason games being played with the majority of eligible players.

Thank you for your patience and assistance in this process.

### **PRACTICES & GAMES**

It is important to remember that we are teaching children how to play ice hockey. The very nature of the game of hockey can make it difficult for a coach to be fair in the disbursement of ice time to the players. Penalties, power plays and number of players on a team can often reduce a players ice time.

All players or parents are expected in adequate time to notify the coach prior to a practice or game if the player is unable to attend. Poor practice attendance and failure to notify coach could result in decreased ice time. It is important to remember that players and teams become better with regular practices attended by all players and coaches. It is recommended that players with excellent attendance at practices be rewarded with regular ice time during games when possible.

Coaches will place players in positions accordingly so each player will be able to play up to their potential.

Ideally in a normal game situation ALL players should see a regular shift on the ice. Coaches at the Bantam, Peewee and Squirt levels (especially AA) may reorganize players in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period in a close game.

Coaches are encouraged to rotate players on a regular basis and see that players receive an equal amount of ice time as fellow players over the entire season.

## **COMPLAINT AND REVIEW PROCEDURE**

## **PETITION TO DISCUSS FINAL PLAYER PLACEMENT**

### PETITION PROCESS.

If a parent or guardian believes there are facts causing the player to be misplaced by the Rocky River Youth Hockey (RRYH) Player Evaluation process, a petition process exists to permit the parent/guardian to raise the issue with the RRYH Advisory Council Board and have them review the facts

**The petition can only be submitted by a parent or guardian, in writing to the RRYH Advisory council, and only within 48 hours of receipt of your player placement letter. All letters will be reviewed after 7 days from receipt of your player placement final letters.**

***Absolutely no phone calls or verbal discussions will be returned by the RRYH Directors in regards to a player's placement.***

The petition should include FACTS about the player and why he/she is believed to be misplaced. A petition by the parent or guardian discussing things like the fact that they are currently a member of the CSHL Select League, or another coach from another program believes that this player should be placed on a much higher number team, are not acceptable reasons. A petition by the player should also include reasons why the player should be placed on a higher number team, this year.

An example from last year of an unsuccessful petition was a request to re-evaluate the following: An impact player that was on PeeWee Team 1 last year, and has now been placed on Bantam Team 3. In addition, the fact that some hockey players participate in or on a Football team and therefore may have missed several tryouts is also not an acceptable reason to petition the RRYH Advisory Council.

While an example of a successful petition is a detailed listing of a particular player who is coming back from an injury, a new player moving into the area, or a (AAA) Barons player quitting the Barons and returning to his program late in the preseason. In this situation, the player will be placed at the same level Team they were at, for the prior season, with an available spot open on the immediate team above, and will be re-evaluated during the length of the CSHL pre-season.

To summarize; a successful petition will avoid generic complaints about the accuracy of the RRYH Player Placement Evaluation process (it has proven itself extremely fair and reliable), and will concentrate on the FACTS causing a possible misplacement.

The RRYH's goal is to provide as competitive and fair an experience as possible for every player in the program, from AA to B (and C at the Mite Level). The current Evaluation process is a big step towards this goal.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

A team meeting will be held at the beginning of each season to develop a tentative tournament schedule for the individual team.

Tournament entrance fees are the responsibility of each team. All tournament money will be handled by the RRYH treasurer.

**All players shall contribute to the costs of agreed upon tournaments regardless of participation in individual tournaments.**

Tournament fees are to be made payable to RRYH before player placement, September 8, 2009. No player will be allowed to participate in player placement unless fees are paid in full. The tournament fees are as follows: Bantam and Peewees are \$250 and Squirt and Mites are \$200 per player. Parents will be informed of additional tournament fees as needed.

It is important to start working on the tournament schedule **EARLY!!!**

Parents will be responsible for **ALL HEAD COACHES** rooms (up to 2 nights) and will also be responsible for 1 additional room (up to 2 nights) for **NON-PARENT ASSISTANT COACHES**. Each team should not incur more than \$600 for a season for coaches rooms. (Non-parent head and non-parent assistant coaches are encouraged to room together to help defray hotel expenses.)

Coaches must turn in receipts to team manager or RRYH treasurer no later than 2 weeks after the tournament is completed.

### **Tournament Guidelines**

Bantam	4-6*
Pee Wee	3-6*
Squirt	3-5
Mite 1 & 2	3-5
Mite 3 & 4	2-3 (only one of which may be out-of-town) This guideline subject to review based on # of league games played.
Mite C	2 in-town tournaments (depending on availability)

**\*All #1 teams in each division will be encouraged to travel out of town to a minimum of 2 tournaments of the total tournaments entered.**

### **Team Tournament Fees**

These team fees are typically \$800-\$950 per team depending on the guaranteed number of games.

### **Player Tournament Fees**

Player fees are typically \$200-\$350 per player depending on number of tournaments team enters during the season.

**Additional costs** - Parents may be responsible for some of the following costs:

Practice ice at another facility (limit 2 additional hours per month per team)

Referees fees for scrimmages

End of the year party

Coaches gifts

All above items should be presented and discussed at parents meeting.

### **Tournaments to Enter**

The maximum number of tournaments a team may enter will be established by the Youth Hockey Advisory Council. Each age group will have their own standards. It is suggested that teams enter tournaments to develop their skills to become better players.

Tournament information will be distributed to team managers as it becomes available. Tournament information will also be posted in the coaches room.

### **END OF THE SEASON**

At the end of the year, it is helpful if the team managers and/or coaches return the players birth certificates for use the following season.

Teams wanting to have an End of the Season party, contact Youth Hockey Director for ice and pavilion rental.

### **COACHES**

Every attempt shall be made to enlist coaches with significant hockey background, coaching experience, and appropriate coaching certification.

**All coaches** are to obtain USA Hockey Level 1, Level 2 and /or Level 3 coaching education (Fee paid by the Recreation Department).

Coaches will also attend any clinics or meetings held by the Recreation Department.

A team meeting will be held prior to the start of the season where, within the guidelines established, a tournament schedule will be developed. The process shall involve the input to all concerned, i.e. parents and coaches.

### **Review**

Coaches review will take place at the end of the season and will be part of an entire program review. It is recommended that, as a rule, coaches should not move up with the same group of players. It is felt that it is important that the participants be exposed to different coaching styles and expertise.

### **Coach Game/Bench Conduct**

It is the coaches and assistants responsibility to be in control of themselves, the players and the parents.

A coach should counsel his players and parents in an appropriate manner.

A coach will not use profanity!

Coaches and assistant coaches should not attempt to intimidate game officials, players and opposing coaches.

A coach should insure that his players remain on the ice to shake hands with their opponents after a game.

## **COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT**



**Coach's Code of Conduct  
Head Coach / Assistant Coach**

Coaches are expected to perform as a: leader, teacher, organizer and risk manager:

**AS A LEADER, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO:**

- Establish seasonal goals and objectives
- Use an appropriate and well-thought coaching style
- Provide an appropriate role model from whom your players can learn
- Develop leadership abilities in your athletes
- Establish a positive relationship with the referees and other officials
- Meet with parents on a regular basis
- Demonstrate a sincere interest in helping athletes to maximize their potential as individuals and athletes
- Provide a safe and fun environment so that our athletes can enjoy their hockey experience
- Lead by example

**AS A TEACHER, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO:**

- Teach the necessary hockey skills for the age group - develop a seasonal plan
- Teach skills using proper sequences and progressions
- Teach skills using understandable language
- Recognize that athletes differ in learning and readiness to learn (patience and perseverance)
- Teach more than just hockey skills

**AS AN ORGANIZER, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO:**

- Plan effective practices
- Select support staff that will provide maximum benefit to yourself and your players
- Seek assistance of the parents of your players in running activities of your program
- Hold regular Parent and Player meetings
- Attend all Association meetings as directed
- Keep the Hockey director apprised of all team activities
- Ensure the Team Manager is copied on all team correspondence
- File an 'End of Season Report' with the Hockey director

**AS A RISK MANAGEMENT PARTICIPANT, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO:**

- Have and review safety action plan with your assistant coaches (what to do in case of emergency/injury)
- Ensure that all ice activities in practice have proper supervision
- Ensure that safe playing and practicing methods are taught and stressed
- Report any arena deficiencies to the hockey director
- Review player equipment on a regular basis for defects
- Monitor rehabilitation of injured athletes and medical clearance to return to play
- Report any abuse or harassment by or toward any player or other participant

I have read and agree to abide by the above Coach's Code of Conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**TEAM MANAGERS**

Team Managers will be selected by the coach and/or parents.

The Team Managers duties may include:

1. Assign time keeper, score keeper, and penalty box for each home game
2. Team rosters
3. Tournament applications, information and accommodations
4. Phone calls
5. Misc. requests to help coach
6. Communication/Program Directors regarding practice & game cancellations
7. Notify Program Directors of tournament schedule
8. Update team page on RRYH web site [www.rockyriverhockey.org](http://www.rockyriverhockey.org)
9. Return Birth Certificates to Directors at end of season

See Team Manager Guide for additional information.

## **PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

Play for fun

Work hard to improve your skills

Be a team player; get along with your teammates

Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline

Be on time for all practices and games

Learn the rules & play by them. Always be a good sport

Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, your opponents & the officials.

## **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**



**ROCKY RIVER YOUTH HOCKEY  
PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**  
(to be distributed by player's coach)

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents at every game and practice.
2. I will attend every practice and game that is reasonably possible and notify my coach if I cannot attend.
3. I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches. I will work hard to improve my skills. I will learn the rules of hockey and play to them.
5. I will not touch or take any equipment that does not belong to me.
6. I will treat my coaches, teammates, officials, parents, and opponents with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and will expect to be treated accordingly.
7. I deserve to have fun during my hockey experience and will alert parents and coaches if it stops being fun.
8. I deserve to play in an alcohol and drug free environment and expect adults to respect that wish.
9. I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it's important to me.
10. I will do my very best in school.
11. I will never enter the playing surface or players bench area while the ice is being resurfaced.
12. I will not go on the ice until my coach or an on-ice official instructs me to do so.
13. I will never use objectionable language or behavior that is detrimental to the game or the Association, especially when playing out of town.
14. I will follow the instructions of the on-ice officials before, during, and after any game and never argue with an official's decision.
15. I will wear my full equipment during all practices and games and will not remove it while I am on the ice surface or players / penalty box area (unless an injury has occurred).

**All members** of the Rocky River Youth Hockey (RRYH), players, parents, managers, coaches, and Board members, are expected to exhibit good behavior such as sportsmanship, team values, common human decency, and to generally uphold the principles and objectives of RRYH, the CSHL, and USA Hockey. Any person associated with RRYH is expected to exhibit behavior as described above and is subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the Association at the sole discretion of the Advisory Council.

I have read and agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Players name (please print)                      Player's signature                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's name (please print)                      Parent's signature                      Date

**DISCIPLINE POLICY**

Adopted for Rocky River Players, Parents and Coaches to assure a safe, enjoyable environment in which to enjoy participating and/or watching the game of hockey.

NO criticizing of teammates or other players.

NO acts of intimidation, physical fighting or intent to injure.

NO inappropriate behavior or destruction of locker rooms, ice rink property or hotels.

NO verbal abuse of players, fans, coaches, referees or parents.

NO profanities

NO possession of dangerous weapons or inappropriate paraphernalia in locker rooms, on ice rink property or at tournaments. (for players this includes pocket knives and lighters)

NO drugs, cigarettes or alcohol on ice rink property (home or away)

NO stealing

Any person or persons associated with the Rocky River Youth Hockey program displaying any of the above may result in a 1 game suspension, loss of locker room privileges or other disciplinary consequences deemed necessary by the coach or Advisory Council.

More than 1 incident may be reviewed by the Advisory Council and/or the Recreation Director and could result in dismissal from the program or the facility.

All incidences can be submitted in writing to the teams Advisory Council representative and/or the Hockey Directors within 48 hours of the incident occurring. Action can be brought by the Recreation Department if necessary.

## **Dress Code**

Clothing should be clean and presentable, particularly for overnight trips, but should apply at all times.

No player will be dressed in a dirty, disheveled manner. Neatness should be stressed and sloppiness will not be tolerated.

No specific dress code to and from games will be required, however players should understand that clothing and appearance are very important.

Should a player refuse to comply with any of these principles, the coach has the authority to send him/her home to change.

### **Conduct On the Road**

While driving locally or out-of-town, safety is important to everyone.

A driver should report to the coach any behavior problems they are unable to handle.

A driver may refuse to transport any player whose conduct in the past has been unacceptable.

### **Locker Room Conduct**

ALL locker rooms should be left in a clean and orderly condition at all times, both home and away.

Entering or leaving any rink should be in an orderly manner. Rowdiness is not necessary and will not be tolerated.

### **\*\*NOTE\*\* PARENTS 24 HOUR RULE**

Any verbal or physical confrontation before, during or after a practice and/or game is prohibited.

Parents must wait 24 hours after a game or practice before confronting anyone on the volunteer coaching staff with a concern or complaint.

All incidences must be reported to the Program Directors or an Advisory council representative immediately by the coaching staff.

### **PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**



# ROCKY RIVER YOUTH HOCKEY PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

(to be distributed by player's coach)

1. I will recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of my child and the sport of ice hockey.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other Association event.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my, and any child, ahead of any personal desire I have to win.
4. I will try to know and study the rules of hockey.
5. I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
6. I will emphasize skill development and how it will help my child. I will de-emphasize games and competition in lower age groups.
7. I will demand a drug and alcohol-free sports environment for my child.
8. I will remember that the game is for the children and not for the adults.
9. I will do my very best to make hockey fun for my child.
10. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
11. I will never enter the playing surface at any time unless requested to do so.
12. I will not enter the dressing room 15 minutes before or after each game or practice without the coach's permission.
13. I will never confront in anger a coach, official, player, spectator, or league official before, during, or after a game. Wait 24 hours to cool down and then have the discussion.
14. I will at no time call or contact an official to dispute any infraction of any game.
15. I will never use objectionable language or behavior that is detrimental to the game or the Association, especially when playing out of town.
16. I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth hockey coach.
17. I will encourage my child to play by the rules of hockey, and applaud good plays of both teams.

**All members** of the Rocky River Youth Hockey (RRYH), players, parents, managers, coaches, and Board members, are expected to exhibit good behavior such as sportsmanship, team values, common human decency, and to generally uphold the principles and objectives of RRYH, the CSHL, and USA Hockey. Any person associated with RRYH is expected to exhibit behavior as described above and is subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the Association at the sole discretion of the Advisory Council.

I have read and agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

When volunteering as a minor official (scorekeeper, announcer, penalty box) it is important that the Code of Ethics be followed. Teams can be penalized for failure to follow the above.

## **SPRING/SUMMER HOCKEY**

The Recreation Department WILL NOT administer Spring and Summer hockey.

The Recreation Department WILL aid in facilitating Spring and Summer hockey by advising parents of persons organizing teams and ice at various levels.

This will be done early to hopefully insure those that are interested get the opportunity to participate.

A date will be determined to sign-up for Spring Hockey. All fees will be paid as cash only.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The following USA Hockey-approved equipment will be required for all Bantams, Pee Wees, Squirts and Mites.

Helmet with face mask*	Shin guards
Mouth guard	Hockey skates
Shoulder pads	Athletic supporter & cup
Elbow pads	Garter Belt & Hockey socks
Hockey gloves	Hockey stick
Hockey pants *	Practice jersey
Neck guard	

\* Black preferred

\*\* Goalie equipment will be provided through the Squirt level.

**Maroon socks with white stripes will be the game sock color for both Home and Away games.**