

Player Conduct Related Operating Procedures

Sportsmanship or player conduct issues are to be reported to the coach of the involved or affected team.

The coach receiving or observing a sportsmanship or player conduct issue shall address the issue with the involved player or parent as soon as practically possible. To resolve any sportsmanship or player conduct issues, the coach may verbally reprimand the involved player or parent, may suspend the involved player for up to 3 games or may impose other restrictions which include, but are not limited to, removal from locker rooms, reduced participation in practice or games or other reasonable restrictions. If a coach believes removal from participation in RYHA is necessary, the matter shall be referred to the Sportsmanship Committee.

If a player or parent is dissatisfied with the decision of a coach related to sportsmanship or player conduct issues, the player or parent may appeal the coach's decision to the Unit Coordinator who shall communicate with the player, parent and coach and shall either affirm, revise or revoke the coach's decision.

If the coach, player or parent remains dissatisfied with the resolution of the Sportsmanship or player conduct violation, the aggrieved party may ask for the resolution of the matter to be decided by the Sportsmanship Committee in accordance with Section 5.0.

If a player or parent has a complaint about the behavior of a coach and its impact on sportsmanship or player conduct, the player or parent should be reported to the Unit Coordinator. The Unit Coordinator shall then investigate the report and issue a decision ranging from no action to removal from coaching. If a coach, player or parent disagrees with the Unit Coordinator's decision, the aggrieved party can ask for the resolution of the matter to be decided by the Sportsmanship Committee in accordance with Section 5.0.

Violations by Players-

The following rules shall apply to players on RYHA teams and shall be considered serious violations:

1. Physical abuse of any person, including but not limited to other players, coaches, officials, parents or fans, or the encouraging of anyone else to engage in physical abuse of another.
2. Repeated instances of verbal abuse directed at other players, coaches, officials, parents or fans.
3. Repeated use of foul or obscene language.
4. Repeated instances of absence without excuse from practices, scrimmages, or games.
5. Incidents of gross un-sportsman like conduct, including intent to injure.
6. Incidents of causing damage to any public facility, in or outside of Rochester.

The following additional rules shall apply to players and shall generally be treated as non-serious violations to be handled by the Coach with the recommended sanctions being indicated herein:

1. Failing to shake hands after a game (sit one (1) period).
2. Intentionally breaking a stick on the ice or hitting the boards or glass with a stick (sit one (1) period).
3. Yelling obscenities or giving obscene gestures to referees, other players, parents or fans. (sit one (1) game).
4. Abusing Arena or locker room (sit one (1) game).
5. Unnecessary roughness or retaliation during a game (sit one (1) game).
6. Discrediting a teammate (sit one (1) period).
7. Absent from practice without notification or permission (sit one (1) period).

5.5 Violations by Parents-

The following rules shall apply to parents while attending or otherwise participating in an RYHA event, tryout, or other RYHA related function or any interaction with a person working with or volunteering for RYHA. This list of infractions is not inclusive, and shall be considered serious violations:

1. Physical abuse of any person, including but not limited to players, coaches, officials, evaluators, other parents or fans, or the encouraging of anyone else to engage in physical abuse of another.
2. Repeated verbal abuse or foul or obscene language directed at players, coaches, officials, evaluators, other parents or fans.
3. Repeated Instances of unsportsmanlike conduct.

For a first offense of a non-serious violation the coach, level commissioner, referee or appropriate Operating Unit Coordinator may issue a reprimand or warning. For a second violation, the appropriate Operating Unit Coordinator shall suspend the parent for one game. A third violation shall be considered a serious violation.