

TOMS RIVER HOCKEY CLUB



Player/Parent Manual

Version 1.0

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Dear Parents and Players,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Toms River Hockey Club, I would like to remind everyone associated with our club that they are expected to adhere to all aspects of USA Hockey's "Zero Tolerance Policy."

The Toms River Hockey Club plans to strictly enforce the Zero Tolerance Policy as it applies to players, parents, coaches, managers, staff and spectators. Covering physical and verbal behavior, both on and off the ice, potential sanctions for violators include the assessment of a major or minor penalty, ejection from a game or practice, suspensions of varying length (up to and including the balance of the season), removal from the club without refund, etc.

The conduct of each individual has a clear impact on the collective image and reputation of our club as a whole. With this in mind, at the complete discretion of the TRHC Board, those who fail to control their actions and emotions will be subject to discipline. Each Zero Tolerance Policy violation will be reviewed on its' own merits with sanctions to be imposed based on the results of this review.

It is the objective of the Board – and should be the objective of everyone connected to the Toms River Hockey Club – that our organization projects an image of competitive sportsmanship which is the envy of all NJYHL member clubs. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their efforts in helping to make this image a reality.

Respectfully,

Diano Tarabocchia
President, TRHC

USA HOCKEY ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:

<http://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1015130-zero-tolerance-policy>

Minimum Age for Travel Hockey

The Toms River Hockey Club has a minimum age requirement. The player must be six (6) years of age by the start of our travel season. The Club Head Coach and the Board must approve exceptions to the rule.

Rink Code of Conduct

The Toms River Hockey Club will not tolerate, under any circumstances, a member of the Club abusing, defacing or damaging the building, locker rooms, restrooms etc. Anyone found guilty of the above will result in early dismissal as well as any cost incurred to repair same. Remember this is our building; we must take pride in what is ours. Parents are responsible for the behavior of other siblings in the building.

Payment Schedule

A 50% deposit (varies by team level) is due from each player in April immediately after being placed on the team roster. The remaining balance is split into a payment schedule, due as indicated on the contract. The Club offers special discounts for payments made in upon contract signing. Details outlining the specifics of these discounts can be found on the contract. If payments are not kept current, the player will not be allowed to participate in either practices or games. As you know, our program is entirely supported by the funds collected from its members. These funds are used to pay the monthly cost for renting the ice, insurance, referees fees, coaching fees and supplies necessary for the hockey program. Without each member maintaining their account, we will be unable to provide the outstanding hockey program we presently enjoy.

Leaving the Club Policy

Any member leaving the Club in good standing, and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Youth Hockey League, may make application to return to the Club.

New Jersey Youth Hockey League Code of Ethics

Below is the code of ethics for the NJYHL. These rules will be strictly enforced by the Toms River Hockey Club and are subject to disciplinary action by the Toms River Hockey Club Board as well as the NJYHL.

All organizations are responsible for the actions of their team members, team officials and their fans.

All individuals associated with the NJYHL or one of its member organizations shall conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times.

- Improper conduct is defined as behavior deemed detrimental to the philosophy and objectives of the League, as well as any action which produces results detrimental to any team or individual players in the League.
- Repeated instances of improper conduct shall be dealt with by the Board.

All parents/guardians of NJYHL players are subject to the Zero Tolerance Physical Abuse Policy.

- Any parent/guardian that attempts to cause physical injury or makes the threat thereof, to any individual associates with the NJYHL or its member organization shall be subject, and his/her child (children) shall be subject, to immediate suspension from NJYHL plan and/or other League involvement for up to one year at the discretion of the Commissioner.
- A second instance of an attempt to threaten or cause physical injury shall result in up to a three year suspension for the player(s) and parent/guardian from any involvement with the NJYHL.

In order to create an atmosphere demonstrative of proper spectatorship, good sportsmanship, proper conduct, it is the policy of the NJYHL to ban all noise making devices at League games. This includes cow bells, whistles, and clickers. This policy would also include the banning of any sound music system at the discretion of the referees.

All individuals associated with the NJYHL or one of its member organizations are expected to uphold the value of honesty, good sportsmanship and have respect for the integrity and role of the other member organization as well as their own organization.

Toms River Hockey Club Code of Conduct

In addition to the NJYHL Code of Conduct, the following will be enforced by the Toms River Hockey Club and will subsequently be brought before the disciplinary board and may result in suspension.

- Any altercations amongst teammates during practices, games, tournaments, locker rooms or any other times the Toms River Hockey Club is being represented by the players.
- Any player whose parent/guardian abuses the NJYHL or the TRHC's Code of Ethics is also subject to disciplinary action.
- Only appropriate language will be permitted at all times. Verbal abuse and swearing are not considered appropriate from anyone involved in our program. This includes players, parents, coaches, staff and administration.

Time Commitment

Due to the nature of the sport and limited amount of ice time available, athletes could have scheduled practices and/or games between the hours of 6:00am and 10:00pm, depending upon the level of play he or she is involved.

The Toms River Hockey Club and its current Board of Trustees will do their best to ensure the time slots are appropriate with age level. The above mentioned is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Fund Raisers

There is absolutely no individual team fundraising.

Practices

- Be early. Promptness counts as a prerequisite to playing time.
- When the whistle blows three times and a coach raises his stick, players must stop, look, listen and sprint to that coach.
- When the coach speaks the player should stop, look and listen.
- Water breaks are only available upon permission by the coach.
- When directions are given, no one will shoot the pucks. Your undivided attention is given to the coach.
- Any person not registered with the Toms River Hockey Club will not be permitted on the ice surface. No exceptions will be made.
- No player is to step on the ice surface until a certified coach is on the ice and all Zamboni gates are closed. All doors and gates must be closed during practices.

Playing Time

The Toms River Hockey Club is a competitive travel hockey program. Playing time in any consideration is NOT guaranteed.

Other Sports

The Toms River Hockey Club encourages our athletes to participate in other organized sports. This concept will only add to our athletes' discipline, teamwork and athletic ability.

Uniforms / Equipment

- It is the responsibility of the players/parents to purchase their own jerseys. All game jerseys MUST be ordered (new) and /or purchased (used) through the Equipment Manager of the Club. No exceptions will be made.
- Returning players (2nd year) to a level will have first choice of numbers.
 - Two Returning players (2nd Year) to the same level will be determined by TRHC Seniority.
 - Two returning players (2nd Year) to the same level and have the same TRHC Seniority will then be determined by oldest age of player who will have the first choice in number unless an agreement can be made amongst players and parents.
- Home and away jerseys should never be worn at practice.
- Both game jerseys and socks should be brought to both home and away games (Blackhawk white for home games and Blackhawk black for away games).
- Uniforms should always be clean and free of any holes.
- All hockey players are responsible for their own equipment. It is up to the player or parent to ensure equipment is of proper size and safety. Any questions should be brought to the coaching staff's attention.
- Approved black helmets and face masks with mouthpieces are mandatory.
- No team or individual is permitted to order any merchandise representing the Toms River Hockey Club (Blackhawks). All merchandise (coats, hats, sweatshirts and other items) will be ordered by the Equipment/Merchandising Manager of the Club. Samples of the merchandise will be made available in the beginning of the season and ordered accordingly. Toms River Hockey Club has documented written consent and licensing to utilize the NHL Blackhawk copyright logo and name for predetermined types and quantities of merchandise through a sole sourced vendor.

Team Travel

The Toms River Hockey Club is a travel team. Home games take place at the Winding River Skating Center. Away games and other team events will require travel. The Toms River Hockey Club accepts absolutely no responsibility for the amount of time or distance in which the team will travel.

Player/Parent/Coach Conflict Resolution

The one thing all winning organizations have in common is communication. During the long hockey season, situations may arise among players, coaches and parents that may lead to conflict. If this occurs it is important that all involved address the problem at the proper time and place and in the proper manner. This means that games and practices are really not the proper place to resolve conflicts. First, please discuss the conflict with the player. Sometimes they will have the information that can solve the matter.

Please follow the guidelines below to resolve any problems:

1. Please wait a minimum of 24 hours before discussing problems with any coach or manager.
2. The Player should contact the manager to resolve the conflict; the manager will then address the problem with the coach or arrange a meeting between both parties.
3. After meeting the coach in question, if there is no resolution, contact the Hockey Director, Ken Yasenchock.

Issues that are common to the game of hockey may seem very awkward to the new hockey parent/athlete. The steps provided will help all involved to a better understanding and also help all lines of communications. Parents are urged to attend all meetings and become involved. A successful program is only as strong as its support. Please help us to make your involvement with the Toms River Hockey Club an enjoyable experience.

Player Accident Reporting

All players of the Toms River Hockey Club are required to be covered by insurance provided by USA Hockey. This policy is renewed each year by our Club for each member. A player identification card, along with a copy of the coverage, will be mailed to all members. In the event of any ice hockey related injury. Players are instructed to immediately notify their coach and/or the head coach. The following numbers are provided for claims reporting purposes:

USA HOCKEY DISTRICT RISK MANAGER / Kenneth Haas (215) 230 8239
ACCIDENT REPORT LIAISON TBA
PLAN ADMINISTRATOR TBA

Toms River Hockey Club / Toms River Blackhawks

As participants of the Toms River Hockey Club and the Toms River Blackhawks Travel Hockey Program,

I/We the undersigned acknowledge that I/we have read (or will read), accept and support all of the expectations for the Toms River Hockey Club players. I/We agree to adhere to the rules and are bound to them as a condition of participation in the program as witnessed by our signatures on this date.

Player _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Head Coach _____

Date _____

Manager _____

Date _____