

To: Parents, Spectators, Players  
Member Associations Delaware Valley Hockey League  
From: The Executive Committee  
Board of Directors Delaware Valley Hockey League  
Re: League and Non-League Games

#### Introduction -- Spectator Conduct

The Delaware Valley Hockey League (DVHL) was created to promote competition and good sportsmanship at the Youth Level for any and all children wanting to play the game of ice hockey. Discipline is meted out in accordance with all USA Hockey rules, and, in some cases, stronger rules in the DVHL.

Unfortunately, few rules relating to USA Hockey focus on parental/spectator/player conduct. Over the past few years, there have been ugly incidents involving parents, spectators and players at hockey games in our area. Fortunately, most parents, players and spectators conduct themselves in an orderly, sportsmanlike manner during games, and are a true credit to the sport of your hockey. For all of you, take this letter as a form of support, and understand the DVHL is ready to address the issue, so you can enjoy yourself watching your child's game.

For those parents, players and spectators falling into the very small minority of troublemakers, take this letter very personally, and be prepared to a long year, or to put it more succinctly, a very short year! Your actions will cost your Club financially, result in the suspension and/or expulsion from your organization, and possibly cost your child valuable ice time. The attached policy statement regarding this issue has been approved by the DVHL Board of Directors.

It is proof the DVHL will not tolerate any lack conduct, sportsmanship or good will that the game of ice hockey is supposed to promote. It will force each member organization to police its Club, and ensure the problems are addressed and corrected, either through suspension or expulsion from the organization.

While the policy statement appears strong, we must all realize we are taking the game away from the kids, and we, the parents, are the only ones that can give it back!

Agreed upon by all the member Clubs of the DVHL.

A.M. Montagna, President  
October 13, 1993  
April 14, 1994  
April 12, 1995

Colleen Marinari, President  
April 9, 1997  
December 9, 1998  
April 14, 1999  
April 12, 2000



## USA Hockey Code of Conduct

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

To be read and signed by you as a member of Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Participating in USA Hockey for the 2005-2006 season.

1. No swearing or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.
2. No lashing out at any official no matter what the call is. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
3. Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.
4. Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting will result in an appearance before USA Hockey Discipline Committee.
5. There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing tobacco or use of illegal substance at any team function.
6. I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc.) during all team functions.
7. Any player or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



## Pottstown Penguins PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Parents will conduct themselves in a professional manner.
- Verbal or physical abuse of players, parents, coaches, or officials will not be tolerated. Any parent not abiding by this will be suspended from practices and games. The length of the suspension will be determined by the seriousness of the situation.
- Any issues that a parent has with any member of the coaching staff will be addressed through the team representative, in accordance with Club's bylaws. Parents will not confront coaches directly. This process is in place to minimize disruption to the team and prevent disputes in front of the players.
- Parents are expected to encourage fair play and good sportsmanship with their children. Remember, children learn by example.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. Do not criticize players, coaches, or officials in front of your children.
- Parents should emphasize skill development and practices and de-emphasize winning and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat and enforce the positive points of the game.
- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are very important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.

Signed Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_