



SSMHA Parent-Player Agreement

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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 or digitally acknowledged by a parent or guardian and submitted during the registration process.

1. Expected Conduct of Players, Coaches, and Parents

- A. 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 SSMHA Discipline Committee.
- B. Players, Coaches, Parents, or Volunteers 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.
- C. Players, Coaching staff, or Association members shall treat each other, opposing players, coaches, game officials, and fans and players of other teams with respect and show good sportsmanship at all times.
- D. Zero tolerance for bullying.
- E. Players, Coaching staff members, players, or Association members will not damage rink property or the property of any other player.
- F. 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.
- G. A player's, parent's, or spectators' behavior, which is judged by the Discipline Committee to be abusive or intimidating toward a player, coaching staff members, another 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. 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.



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- H. Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring 100% supervision of their players until a coach or team representative can ensure 100% supervision is present in the dressing room.
- I. **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 coach's attention first and if not resolved, then the respective Executive member should be made aware of the situation in writing (for example, an All-star team issue is reported to the All-star Director. A Girl's team or player issue is reported to the Female Director).**
- J. 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.

2. Equipment and Uniforms

- A. Players shall wear all the equipment as specified and required by Hockey Canada 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 crests 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 or other hockey activities.
- 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/Coach or Association Designate upon the completion of the final team function in each respective season. Any unreturned jerseys will be subject to a fee that will be used to replace the jersey.
- I. Any player who causes unnecessary damages to a jersey, or loaned equipment, as decided by the Executive, could be suspended from all activities until the cost of the replacement has been paid.
- J. Replacement costs for jerseys that are damaged due to players or parents not adhering to the SSMHA Equipment and Jersey Care Guidelines shall be added to the player's registration



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fees for the following season. These fees must be paid before a player can complete their registration.

3. 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 November 21st deadline of the current season, he/she may be dropped from the team and may 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 unless approved by the SSMHA Executive.
- C. 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 the refusal is considered final.
- D. Players shall participate with their respective teams in the All-Newfoundland Tournaments during Easter.
 - I. 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.
 - II. 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 President or All-star Director for the absence.
 - III. If a U18 player in their second year 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 following season unless he/she has written permission from the President or All-star Director for the absence.
- E. 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 U11 Division, or a date set by the SSMHA Executive. During the selection process the selection committee, in conjunction with the coaching staff and the technical director, may determine whether exhibition games against other associations are required to allow for real gameplay situations during the evaluation and selection process.



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- I. Should a player be deemed unable to try out during the regular try-out period due to an injury, illness, or other suitable reason (i.e.. Travel), the process outlined in the SSMHA Tryout Exception Policy shall be followed.
- F. As part of the player's commitment to their competitive team, players are required to attend all SSMHA practices, games, and regularly scheduled team functions, unless excused prior 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 where possible. 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.
 - I. Should a player not be excused as a result of not providing adequate notice, refer to Appendix A for the SSMHA disciplinary procedure.
- G. 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.
- H. Ice time

Players must be treated as fairly as possible in terms of ice time. SSMHA coaches will follow the Hockey NL Ice Time Allocation Policy with respect to fair play in all games and tournaments.

4. SSMHA Uniforms/Jerseys

- 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. Coaches or Team managers or their designate shall collect all jerseys at the end of the season and return them to a member of the SSMHA executive.



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5. Hockey NL Codes of Conduct, Policies, and Other Governing Documents

Here is a list of Hockey NL Codes of Conduct, Policies, and Other Governing Documents that parents, players, volunteers, and association members also need to adhere to. In the event of a discrepancy between a SSMHA and a Hockey NL document, the SSMHA executive will decide which takes precedence.

- Abusive Fan Protocol & Incident Report
- Digital Device in Dressing Room Policy
- Hockey NL Maltreatment Policy
- Hockey NL Regulations
- Hockey NL Social Media Policy
- Hockey NL Trans Inclusion Policy

Note: This list is not exhaustive. For a full list of Hockey NL governing documents visit [this link](#).

Appendix A

New Document – The SSMHA Disciplinary Procedure (see attached)



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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 November 21st 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 pages of this agreement and agree to and will adhere to the terms in their entirety

Player's Name (Please Print Clearly)

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

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

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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