

# Memorandum of Understanding

## Player Responsibilities

1. All players are expected to abide by the **Player Code of Conduct**.
2. All players are expected to attend all practices and games.
3. Players are required to a shirt, tie and a presentable pair of pants (no jeans with holes) to all League games and while traveling to and from such games unless otherwise specified by the Head Coach. Ball caps are not permitted.
4. All players are expected to arrive at the practice facility forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled practice unless otherwise specified under pandemic rules and regulations.
5. All players are expected to arrive at a game two (2) hours prior to game time unless otherwise specified under pandemic rules and regulations.
6. If a player must miss a practice or a game or be late for a practice, **the player** must notify the coach.
7. When players arrive at practice, they are expected to warm up prior to going on the ice. Players are not to go onto the ice until a coach is present. At the beginning and conclusion of practice, players are expected to assist in the collection and/or gathering of equipment used during practice, upon the coached direction.
8. All players must show respect to the coaches, parents, players on the team, team officials, opponents, and referees. Disrespecting the coaching staff, parents, team officials, teammates, opponents, and referees will not be tolerated. Foul language and general bad behavior is unacceptable. Severe sanctions up to and including dismissal from the team can result from these actions.

## Parent Responsibilities

1. Parents are expected to meet all the financial obligations of the team and pay the fee within the time frame specified. If a player decides to leave the team for any reason whatsoever, the fee will be reimbursed according to the Refund Policy.
2. Parents are expected to read and be aware of all team policies and procedures and review these policies with their child and ensure that their child understand the policies. All policies can be found on the team website at [www.novahockey.ca](http://www.novahockey.ca)
3. Parents are welcome to observe practices. However, parents must refrain from instructing or redressing players at practice or games, even and especially if it is their own child. Parents are expected to honor the coach's requests during practices and games.
4. Parents are encouraged to attend all games and to support their child and team in a positive manner. Spectator comments should always be positive. At no time should parents attempt to **coach, address, criticize, argue with, confront, or make negative comments intended for players and coaches either team or referees.**
5. All playing time, line combinations, positions and other decisions relating to the playing activities of the team will be made by the coach or assistant coaches in the absence of the coach. Players earn their playing time by their attitude and performance during practices and games and at the discretion of the coaching staff.
6. If parents wish to discuss playing time or other related issues with the coach, they can do so at an appointed time with the coach, which is usually after a practice session and not after a game. The 24 Hour Cool Down Rule must always be observed. Parents can contact the coach via email or phone.
7. Players and parents must be aware that their behavior reflects not only on themselves but also on their child and the hockey program. Please always behave with proper decorum.

## Signatures

By signing below, you are asserting that you have fully read, understood and promise to abide by the terms on this agreement and memorandum of understanding.

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_