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AMCHL Code of Conduct

Purpose of the League:

The AMCHL is a men's hockey league in which Christ-like love and consideration comes first before all else. It is a place to play semi-competitive hockey with a culture that promotes level-headedness over competitive wills. Seeking to allow Christian men to meet and interact with other Christian men in and out of our typical social circles. The hope is that our actions on the ice would bear as good witness to our saviour Christ Jesus in the eyes of league members, referees and any spectator.

In order that the Purpose of the League can be maintained each player in the AMCHL will be required to review and agreed to the league's Code of Conduct herein. The following is the expectation of the league:

Church Affiliation

All players are required to be members of good standing in their own Christian Churches. A reference from the local pastor or leadership team may be requested.

Conduct at the Rink

All players are to show respect and care towards the hockey rinks they are playing in. This includes keeping their dressing rooms tidy, ensuring that no damage occurs to any part of the facility and that respect is shown to any employee from the facility.

Behaviour Towards One's Teammates

Being part of a team provides an opportunity to support one's teammates on and off the ice. Playing with your Christian peers provides an opportunity for us to witness to each other and to provide a support network when it comes not only to the game of hockey, but also when it comes to our own personal life. Each player will not only be held accountable by their teammates but will also hold their own teammates accountable for their actions and behaviours. If a player's behaviour is not in keeping of that of a Christian and does not exemplify and follow the purpose of the AMCHL then it is the players responsibility to approach this player with Christian love and encourage them to change their

ways. This is not always an easy action to take and the expectation is that the Team Leader will take the initiative to encourage a teammate to work on their behaviour or to remind them of the league's expectation for their behaviour.

Behaviour Towards the Officials

Officiating hockey at an amateur level is not easy and given the limited expertise of the majority of the leagues on ice officials there will be cases where the perfect call will not be made on the ice. Players are expected to treat the officials with respect and with a Christian attitude and to show the officials grace when they do not agree with a call or if the official makes a mistake. The following will not be permitted:

- Swearing or disparaging language towards an official.
- Personal attacks on an official's character or appearance.
- Arguing with an official about a call on the ice.
- Yelling from the bench at an official for any reason.

If a player has a legitimate concern and this concern is agreed to by the Team Leader than it will be the Team Leader's responsibility to discuss the concern with the official. Once the concern has been communicated, the players will carry on with the game.

Behavior Towards the Opposing Team

The AMCHL promotes competitive play and the intensity which this undoubtedly creates. There is an understanding and expectation that as the intensity builds, penalties will be taken and tempers may flare. In this the AMCHL expects the players to behave with self control, respect and forgiveness in their actions on the ice. The leagues idea of sportsmanship is as follows:

- Players will not swear at another player or use foul language.
- Players are not to personally attack another player's character or appearance.
- Excessive retaliation for an infraction on the ice is not acceptable. "Taking a number" or going after a player physically after an action on the ice is not acceptable.
- All physical activity is to take place "between the whistles". Once the play is over there should not be any further pushing, or disrespectful talk between opposing teams. If a player is having difficulty controlling themselves than their teammates are responsible for talking them down and/or removing them from the situation. This is the case for both teams when an altercation occurs.
- Yelling and abusive language is not permitted between the player's benches or between the penalty boxes.
- Fighting will not be tolerated.
- Any intent to injure will not be tolerated.
- Racial slurs will not be tolerated.
- Under no circumstances will a player bring up another player's personal life as a means to verbally attack that player.

With the help of Team Leaders, the Board of the AMCHL will be continually reviewing the conduct of the players within the league. If players are not abiding by the Code of Conduct the player will be subject to the "3 strikes and you are out" rule. The player will receive warnings by way of an email letter and if three of these letters are received, the player will be removed from the league without any reimbursement of their league fees for the current season.

****The entire team must sign this form acknowledging its content.**

Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

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