

MCCALL YOUTH HOCKEY

2021-2022 HANDBOOK



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WELCOME TO/WELCOME BACK

The beginning of a new hockey season brings excitement and anticipation of great things to come. In order to participate in the McCall Youth Hockey (MYH) program, all players and families are required to adhere to the policies set forth in this handbook. We ask that you review the policies and procedures regarding the McCall Youth Hockey (MYH) program.

These policies are constructed with the intent of improving and developing our MYH community; a program where we strive for excellence. Our hockey community requires courtesy, commitment, caring, and patience. It is the expectation that all participants in the MYH program strive towards developing the hockey experience for the players and families within our program. Please be a positive part of building the MYH program into an ideal community.

On behalf of the McCall Ice Skating Association, Inc - MYH Board of Directors, and the McCall Youth Hockey Director and Coaches, we invite you to participate in the fastest sport on earth!

PLEASE READ ME!!

This policy book represents the outline of what the Board of Directors and Hockey Director have established as best for the development of players and the success of the McCall Youth Hockey (MYH) program. These policies and rules must be used with common sense and interpreted in context to the situation in which they are applied. To apply the rules and policies with inflexibility would violate the intent of their development; the smooth operation of the MYH program and the development of its players.

OVERVIEW OF THE MCCALL ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION

McCall Ice Skating Association (MISA) is the sponsoring organization of the McCall Youth Hockey program. MISA, is a nonprofit organization with tax-deductible 501(c)(3) status, was incorporated in 1993. Until 2003, its primary purposes were to create and maintain the outdoor McCall Ice Rink and to promote local ice skating activities. This was accomplished through collaboration with the McCall Mighty Pucks adult hockey team, government agencies, businesses, local volunteers and private donations. Early on, MISA's accomplishments provided opportunities for public skating for local citizens and tourists and adult hockey and figure skating, as well as assisting the Richard J. Sabala Foundation through fund raising activities, in their endeavor to build the Manchester Ice and Event Centre.

MCCALL YOUTH HOCKEY (MYH)

“A Model Program for Youth”

Since 1999, MISA has sponsored a local youth hockey program, active only during the winter, and supervised by volunteer coaches. In 2001 this program was renamed “McCall Youth Hockey” in anticipation of expansion, once an indoor rink was built by the Richard J. Sabala Foundation.

Our program is affiliated with **USA HOCKEY, Inc.**, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This the National Governing Body for the sport of hockey in the United States. It is also the official representative to the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International Ice Hockey Foundation. USA HOCKEY Inc.’s mission is to promote the growth of hockey in America and provide the best possible experience for all participants by encouraging, developing, advancing, and administering the sport. Its primary emphasis is on the support and development of grassroots hockey programs.

USA HOCKEY Inc. membership benefits include: insurance, a monthly “USA Hockey” magazine subscription, and opportunities to participate in USA Hockey, Inc. sanctioned clinics, camps, games, and tournaments.

The Idaho Amateur Hockey Association is the local affiliate for all youth hockey associations within the Rocky Mountain District. As of 2017 Associations under IAHA included: Boise (BYAHA), Boise (BAHA), Chubbuck/Pocatello, Salmon, Sun Valley, Idaho Falls, Palouse, Lewis Clark, Coeur D’Alene, and McCall.

THE MYH MISSION AT ALL LEVELS IS TO:

“Develop excellence in youth through the fastest game on earth!”

With hockey, the McCall Youth Hockey program presents youths with an exciting challenge that will serve them life-long. A remarkable sport demanding unparalleled quickness, endurance, character, effort, commitment, and teamwork, hockey is based on a healthy, cooperative, and tough lifestyle in mind, body and spirit. These are among the finest traits adults can endeavor to transfer to youths.

MYH MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is . . . “Solid People . . . Solid Hockey Players”

It is the mission of the McCall Youth Hockey to instruct and engage our youth in the game of hockey, to promote skill improvement and instill the life values of personal integrity, self-esteem, discipline and good sportsmanship as individuals and as teams. Enjoyment of the game and competitive opportunities will be our guide. We will promote goodwill among players, parents, coaches and staff, showing respect to all participants.

GOALS

MYH

- Work together to improve and enjoy a common passion, hockey.
- To show uncommon effort, pride, and commitment in spirit and deed by the players, coaches, families, and staff of MYH.
- Provide the stewardship, facilities, and financial foundation of the MYH program.
- Direct the efforts of the players, coaches, and parents into a proud, ethical, and cohesive unit.

Player Development

- Provide instruction and leadership that maximizes the athletic potential of all players in a positive and enjoyable atmosphere.
- Promote personal growth through team development both on and off the ice.

Coaching Development

- Provide a program which promotes the coaches' talents in leadership, youth development, and hockey instruction.
- Provide ongoing education in a defined and structured program.

Parent/Guardians

- Offer an enjoyable program that includes the involvement of parents in key positions of volunteerism.
- Provide the positive energy needed to help direct our program to higher levels.
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STEPS TO SUCCESS

MYH

1. Promote a financial foundation to maintain and promote the growth of the MYH program.
2. Attract and support the finest youth leaders and hockey coaches.
3. Hold the highest ethical standards for all decisions.
4. Promote and contribute to the well-being and growth of youth athletics.

Players

1. Commit to give 100% mentally and physically of yourself.
2. Be a selfless team player.
3. Strive to improve as an athlete and as a person.
4. Place sportsmanship, safety, and fair play first.

Coaches

1. Commit to improving their ability to educate and instruct the game of hockey.
2. Promote the well-being of the players first and foremost.
3. Commit to the improvement of the program by being a team player.
4. Promote sportsmanship, pride, leadership, self-worth, and good health by being a positive role model.

Parents/Guardians

1. Be a positive supporter of your child's efforts during both good and difficult times.
2. Strive to volunteer your time to assist with your child's team, as well as the other activities of MYH.

McCALL YOUTH HOCKEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MISA FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY

Board Responsibility

- Develop an annual budget for MYH activities which reflects fiscal responsibility concerning the use of MISA/MYH monies.
- Develop a fundraising strategy on various levels which will insure the financial viability of the MYH program and its activities. (i.e.: parent/player, business, corporate, civic organizations, grants, etc.).
- Oversee the annual program/schedule development of the MYH program.
- Negotiate ice time rates/schedules with the Manchester Ice and Event Centre.

Treasurer's Responsibility

- Monthly: balance the account and give a financial report at each board meeting. Annually: prepare the required IRS paperwork.
- Authority to do check writing, deposits/withdrawals from the MISA account.
- Board officer's signatures will be on bank card. In the event that the treasurer is unavailable, a designated board member will be chosen to fulfill check writing duties.

MYH WEBSITE

The MYH website: www.mccallhockey.com will provide up-to-date information regarding schedules and Association news.

EMAIL LISTS

Email lists obtained by/from MYH email distribution lists are intended for communication purposes only and shall not be used for personal use and/or for grievance. In addition no email distribution lists should be sold, given to and or redistributed to any person or group.

USE OF LOGO AND TRADEMARK

The MYH organization's logo or individual team logo may not be used without the express written consent of the McCall Ice Skating Association Board of Directors.

PUBLICATION POLICY

MYH encourages members to promote our youth program through the media, but is necessary for the protection of players and the program that the following guidelines be followed. In order to protect the integrity of the MYH program and its participants, no individual or group may represent MYH or MISA without the expressed consent of the MYH Board of Directors. Additionally, no personal information regarding players, parents/guardians, MYH Directors and coaches, or MYH Board of Directors will be made public, including media exposure, without the written consent of the interested parties.

MYH REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND POLICY

Association Policy of Play

Dual association – defined as paying to be registered and play in two different youth hockey associations, simultaneously. Dual association is permitted in MYH on a case-by-case basis, ultimately decided by the MYHA Coaches Committee. A specific set of guidelines has been set, including but not limited to:

1. The MYHA coach and the coach of the other association are both consulted and agree to allow the player to dual register;
2. Players who have been granted to play dual association, in order to prevent a detrimental impact to both teams, must designate and fully commit to one team as their first priority.
3. Additional fees may be charged in the event that a players plays on dual association teams.
4. The coaches review season practice and game schedules to set out a clear expectation avoiding potential conflicts;
5. Player and parents adhere to the MYHA and USA Hockey Code of Conduct “on and off” the ice.

MYHA does allow players to pick-up games and/or MYHA teams to pick-up players from another association if the following guidelines are met:

1. The MYHA coach and the coach of the pick-up team are both consulted and agree to allow the player to pick-up game(s);
2. The pick-up game(s) do not conflict with the players designated association team game(s) or practice(s);
3. The pick-up player is playing in the appropriate age bracket and division (MYHA teams are considered house division);
4. The pick-up player must be in good standing with their designated association

Registration Procedure

Registration material will be emailed and placed on the MYH website prior to the registration night/first parent meeting of the season.

All appropriate forms and fees must be returned to MYH. **It is mandatory that the parent/guardian present a copy of the player’s birth certificate at the time of registration (new players).** This will be kept in the MYH records.

Players will not be considered registered if the registration forms are incomplete and/or appropriate fees are not received. It is the parent/guardian/player’s responsibility to insure forms are correctly filled out.

REGISTRATION FORMS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE PLAYER STARTS THEIR FIRST PRACTICE.

HOW HOCKEY IS FUNDED AT MYH

Each player’s hockey is funded in 3 ways: Program fees, parent/player fundraising, and donations from business, civic organizations, and the private individuals.

Program Fees 2021-2022 Season

Program fees are based on maintaining a reasonable cost for program operation.

Program fees are used to pay the following expenses:

- Ice time.
- Coaches’ mandatory certification and background check.

There will be additional costs for teams/individual players when a team travels to play a game, participate in a tournament, etc.. These include, but are not limited to: game/tournament fees (team registration, on ice official fees, etc.), lodging (parent/players and coaches), food, and entertainment.

The MISA Board of Directors will determine program fees in coordination with the Hockey Director’s recommendation and upon review of current program costs, anticipated expenses, and fundraising revenue. Program fees allow for an appropriate amount of ice time to be purchased to operate the program. Local ice availability and cost constraints influence the amount of ice that can be purchased.

Ice fees are based on current Manchester Ice and Event Centre rates which have been discounted for the McCall Youth Hockey program.

Fee Schedule for McCall Youth Hockey 2021-2022 Season when registered by August 15, 2021.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>JR MITE</u>	<u>SR MITE</u>	<u>SQUIRT/PEE WEE/BANTAM</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
Player Registration Fee	\$275.00	\$475.00	\$675.00	\$300.00

NOTES:

1. **Discounts are available if member participated in MYH fundraising efforts and/or if family has more than one athlete participating in the season. Reach out to your Team Manager for discount codes PRIOR to registering online.**
2. **Listed fees are subject to increase after August 15, 2021. “Late Registration Fee” is non-refundable for any reason.**
3. **Players (born in 2014 and older) must present proof of USA Hockey/Idaho Amateur Hockey Association (IAHA) membership fees at the time of registration.**

If using payment plan –

- **Maximum of \$200(+ processing fees) is due at time of registration if registered by August 15th.**
- **50% of remaining balance is due on October 1st.**
- **50% of remaining balance is due on November 1st.**

To remain in good standing with MYH, a player's fees and registration forms must be current.

MYH and Manchester Ice & Event Centre have teamed up to offer a free loaner gear program on a first come, first serve basis.

There will be no proration of fees for players entering the MYH program late in the season unless the player is new to MYH.

Jerseys

New players are required to purchase new jerseys at a cost of approximately \$110 at the time of registration.

Volunteer Commitment

Each Team Manager will document volunteer hours during the season and submit a report to the MYH Board of Directors at the end of the season. Team members and/or their families are expected to commit to a minimum of 20 volunteer hours throughout the season so that MYH may fulfill its obligations to athlete and team development, safety, fundraising and our governing bodies of Idaho Amateur Hockey Association and USA Hockey. Thus, MYHA expects each athlete's family to commit to their part. Team Managers will advise of volunteer needs.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

MYH has a tradition of providing affordable access to hockey. For those who do not have the economic means, a limited number of scholarships are available based on the level of need to assist with cost of program/equipment loaner fees. Determination of need will be determined by the board of directors reviewing scholarship application. (see scholarship application form)

Scholarships cannot be used to cover team expenses beyond seasonal program fees. For further questions, or to apply for a scholarship, refer to the MYH Website or contact a MYH Board Member. Donations are always gladly accepted to help provide equipment or subsidize ice for a needy player.

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT

Donations of used equipment that is clean and in good condition are greatly appreciated.

MYH and Manchester Ice & Event Centre have teamed up to offer a free loaner gear program on a first come, first serve basis to local youth. Stop by the rink service counter for additional information pertaining to rental equipment.

Players are responsible for purchasing a mouth guard, socks, hockey stick, neck guard (optional) and athletic support.

AGE CLASSIFICATION

Upon receiving completed registration forms, player's team or group placement will be determined by USA HOCKEY Inc.'s classification by age/date and year of birth. (See classification chart on page 27 of Handbook.)

MANDATORY PARENT ORIENTATION MEETINGS

Parent/guardian attendance is of primary importance in order for all parents to understand their role in the MYH program and how to help their child enjoy and excel at hockey. Additional topics to be covered include the MYH policies, program costs and funding, and planned events during the upcoming season.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH MYH

Your Time, Energy, Knowledge and Leadership is Desired

Volunteers are needed now and in the near future, to fill the following positions: Team manager, Equipment manager, Coach/Assistant coach positions, referees, time keeper, recording team statistics. Team managers actively assist the coaches in the off-ice management of the team.

Contact a MYH Board Member if you are able to fill these positions.

FUNDRAISING

MYH needs your active involvement in fundraising events. The addition of new revenue sources will strengthen our hockey program, enabling our children to more fully enjoy their hockey experience. Now more than ever, MYH needs your experience, talents, energy, and business contacts to make our program a success. Fundraising is each members responsibility and all efforts positively affect all MYH players by helping to keep ice fees as low as possible and our local hockey program affordable.

Contact the Fundraising Chairperson if you have fundraising ideas and/or you are willing to organize and coordinate an event.

All fundraising projects must be submitted and approved in advance by the MYH Board of Directors. Fundraising efforts will benefit all players. Fundraising for individual teams is allowed as approved on a case by case basis by the MYH Board of Directors.

MYH COACHING PROGRAM

Coaches Committed to a Common Goal

1. Coaches are required to be registered with USA Hockey, to complete the USA Hockey Associate and/or Intermediate coaching program, and receive approval by the MYH Board of Directors.
2. All head and assistant coaches must complete an Idaho state background check and Safe Sport prior to the 2021-2022 season. Player Assistants to head coaches are insured through registration as players, but must receive approval from MYH Board of Directors.
3. The cornerstone of MYH's Coaching Program development is a supportive, enjoyable environment. All head and assistant coaches are required to adhere to MYH's coaching and development program and its philosophy.
4. Each team is allowed 1 head coach and 2 assistant coaches.

MYH PROGRAM PERSONNEL

Hockey Director

- Oversee the coaching program and the daily operations of the MYH program.
- Assists the MISA Board of Directors with strategic planning for long term growth of the MYH program.
- Recruits personnel for head and assistant coach positions and facilitates the mandatory background check for coaches.
- Provides opportunity for additional education and development of coaches and players.
- Facilitate program growth through collaboration with other associations and state USA Hockey/IAHA representatives.

Head Coach

- Train and instruct players individually and as a team.
- Oversee team's operation and is accountable for all team actions.
- Responsible for developing game/scrimmage/tournament schedule.

Assistant Coach

- Assist head coach with the coaching of the team.
- Will assume the role of head coach in the event of the absence of the head coach.

Team Manager

- Maintain team roster by seeing that all players have signed the official roster and that it is submitted to the appropriate personnel.
- Act as an intermediary between parents and coaches.
- Responsible for the maintenance, distribution, and retrieval of team jerseys.
- Under coaches' direction, may assist in scheduling of games.
- Retain and maintain all necessary USA Hockey player forms and birth certificates in a

- team binder which is in his/her possession during practices and games.
- Secure locker room and key for all games and practices.
 - Facilitates communication with visiting teams re: game schedule, locker room location, etc.
 - Facilitate travel/accommodation arrangements for away games and tournament.

POLICIES

SAFESPORT Policy

One of the most exciting aspects of the USA Hockey SafeSport Program is the online training/education that is available to help our members become aware of the information necessary to help prevent abuse from occurring in our sport. We are pleased to announce that all USA Hockey registered coaches, officials, players, employees and volunteers are entitled to take the training at no cost.

The SafeSport Training and Refresher Training are each valid for one (1) season beginning on 4/1/19.

As of January 1, 2018, all relevant individuals who need to be SafeSport certified or are seeking recertification will need to complete the new SafeSport training, which features updated content. This will include any players that are 18 years of age or older.

Once you have completed the Core SafeSport Course, there will be a Refresher Course available for individuals who have previously completed the core SafeSport course and need to recertify.

Users completing the SafeSport refresher course will be certified for an additional season.

PLEASE NOTE that you will need your own USA Hockey Confirmation Number or Referee Number and your own email address to access the training. You can locate your number OR obtain a number here www.usahockeyregistration.com. If you will not be participating as a player, coach or referee, you can register at no cost under the ice manager/volunteer category to obtain your USA Hockey Confirmation Number.

Additionally, you will need to access the training from the link provided under "Register for SafeSport Training."

McCall Youth Hockey Association's Travel Policy

McCall Youth Hockey Association has some teams that travel regularly to play individual games, two or three games at a time, or in tournaments, has some teams where travel is limited to only a few events per year, and some teams where there is no travel other than local travel to and from our own arena. McCall Youth Hockey Association has established policies to guide our travel, minimize one-on-one interactions and reduce the risk of abuse or misconduct. Adherence to these travel guidelines will increase player safety and improve the player's experience while keeping travel a fun and enjoyable experience.

We distinguish between travel to training, practice and local games or practices ("local travel"), and team travel involving a coordinated overnight stay ("team travel").

Local Travel

Local travel occurs when McCall Youth Hockey Association or one of its teams does not sponsor, coordinate, or arrange for travel.

- Players and/or their parents/guardians are responsible for making all arrangements for local travel. The team and its coaches, managers or administrators should avoid responsibility for arranging or coordinating local travel. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure the person transporting the minor player maintains the proper safety and legal requirements, including, but not limited to, a valid driver's license, automobile liability insurance, a vehicle in safe working order, and compliance with applicable state laws.
- The employees, coaches, and/or volunteers of McCall Youth Hockey Association or one of its teams, who are not also acting as a parent, should not drive alone with an unrelated minor player and should only drive with at least two players or another adult at all times, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minor player's parent.
 - Where an employee, coach and/or volunteer is involved in an unrelated minor player's local travel, efforts should be made to ensure that the adult personnel are not alone with the unrelated player, by, e.g., picking up or dropping off the players in groups. In any case where an employee, coach and/or volunteer is involved in the player's local travel, a parental release should be obtained in advance.
- Employees, coaches, and volunteers who are also a player's parent or guardian may provide shared transportation for any player(s) if they pick up their player first and drop off their player last in any shared or carpool travel arrangement.
- It is recognized that in some limited instances it will be unavoidable for an employee, coach or volunteer of McCall Youth Hockey Association or one of its teams to drive alone with an unrelated minor player. However, efforts should be made to minimize these occurrences and to mitigate any circumstances that could lead to allegations of abuse or misconduct.

Team Travel

Team travel is overnight travel that occurs when McCall Youth Hockey Association or one of its teams sponsors, coordinates or arranges for travel so that our teams can compete locally, regionally, nationally or internationally. Because of the greater distances, coaches, staff, volunteers and chaperones will often travel with the players. In this case, the parent of the child needs to complete MYHA's Travel Consent Form.

- When possible, McCall Youth Hockey Association will provide reasonable advance notice before team travel. Travel notice will also include designated team hotels for overnight stays as well as a contact person within McCall Youth Hockey Association or the team. This individual will be the point of contact to confirm your intention to travel and to help with travel details.
- McCall Youth Hockey Association will post specific travel itineraries when they become available. These will include a more detailed schedule as well as contact information for team travel chaperones. McCall Youth Hockey Association will make efforts to provide adequate supervision through coaches and other adult chaperones. McCall Youth Hockey Association will make efforts so that there is at least one coach or adult chaperone for each five to eight players. If a team is composed of both male and female players, then we will attempt to arrange chaperones of the both genders. However, we rely on parents to serve as chaperones and may be limited in providing this match.

- Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a minor player (unless the coach is the parent, guardian or sibling of the player).
- Because of the greater distances, coaches, staff, volunteers, and chaperones will often travel with the players. No employee, coach, or volunteer will engage in team travel without the proper safety requirements in place and on record, including valid drivers' licenses, automobile liability insurance as required by applicable state law, a vehicle in safe working order, and compliance with all state laws. All chaperones shall have been screened in compliance with the USA Hockey Screening Policy and all team drivers shall have been screened and the screen shall include a check of appropriate Department of Motor Vehicle records. A parent that has not been screened may participate in team activities and assist with supervision/monitoring of the players, but will not be permitted to have any one-on-one interactions with players.
- Players should share rooms with other players of the same gender, with the appropriate number of players assigned per room depending on accommodations.
- The coach will establish a curfew by when all players must be in their hotel rooms or in a supervised location. Regular monitoring and curfew checks will be made of each room by at least two properly screened adults.
- The team personnel shall ask hotels to block adult pay per view channels.
- Individual meetings between a player and coach may not occur in hotel sleeping rooms and must be held in public settings or with additional adults present.
- All players will be permitted to make regular check-in phone calls to parents. Team personnel shall allow for any unscheduled check in phone calls initiated by either the player or parents.
- Family members who wish to stay in the team hotel are permitted and encouraged to do so.
- The team will make every effort to accommodate reasonable parental requests when a child is away from home without a parent. If any special arrangements are necessary for your child, please contact the team personnel who can either make or assist with making those arrangements.
- Meetings do not occur in hotel rooms, but the team may reserve a separate space for adults and athletes to socialize.
- If disciplinary action against a player is required while the player is traveling without his/her parents, then except where immediate action is necessary, parents will be notified before any action is taken or immediately after the action.
- No coach or chaperone shall at any time be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while performing their coaching and/or chaperoning duties.
- In all cases involving travel, parents have the right to transport their minor player and have the minor player stay in their hotel room.
- During team travel, coaches, team personnel and chaperones will help players, fellow coaches and team personnel adhere to policy guidelines, including, without limitation, the Travel Policy, Locker Room Policy and Reporting Policy.
- Prior to any travel, coaches will endeavor to make players and parents aware of all expectations and rules. Coaches will also support chaperones and/or participate in the monitoring of the players for adherence to curfew restrictions and other travel rules.
- If an employee, coach, or volunteer is asked unexpectedly to give an unrelated player a ride, that employee, coach, or volunteer will try to contact the player's parent or guardian via text message, email, or phone to seek approval first.

Prohibited Conduct and Reporting

MYH prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook. Participants, employees or volunteers in McCall Youth Hockey Association may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of the Travel Policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies. Reports of any actual or suspected violations, you may email USA Hockey at SafeSport@usahockey.org or may call 1-800-888-4656.

Concussion Policy

MYH has adopted USA Hockey's concussion protocol. Implementation of the protocol includes the following.

For Coaches: Concussion Training certificate along with the signed, Concussion Protocol Acknowledgement Form.

For Parents/Guardians: Signed, Concussion Protocol Acknowledgement Form. Concussion training is offered pre-season and parents are encouraged to attend.

Protocol:

An athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury shall be immediately removed from participation for the remainder of the day. Removal can be at the request of a coach, official, team manager, parent/guardian, or the athlete.

Athlete held out for concussion evaluation or who has been diagnosed with a concussion must provide a completed USA Hockey Concussion Management Return to Play Form. A qualified medical provide, the parent, and the coach must each sign this form.

COACH/PLAYER/PARENT-GUARDIAN COMMUNICATION POLICY

Improving the communication channels between coaches, players and parents/guardians will greatly enhance and strengthen they player's hockey experience. The goal of this communication is to create a strong foundation for athletic and personal improvement. With this in mind, coaches will provide an evaluation of each player and will review this with the player and his/her parents/guardians prior to the end of the season. This evaluation will allow for positive feedback between all involved parties.

For Coaches: Will enable the coach to communicate strengths and weaknesses of individual players in regard to skills and team dynamics. The evaluation will clearly define how the player can contribute and set forth a plan of action, through goal setting, to improve the player's hockey experience.

For Players: Will raise awareness of individual's strengths and weakness and enable player to contribute in a positive way by setting individual goals for improvement.

For Parents/Guardians: Will allow parents to communicate their child’s learning pattern and habits to the coach. They will also have the opportunity along with the coach and player to develop a plan to improve and enhance the player’s hockey experience.

ABSENCES

Players must inform coaches and/or team manager of any absences. In the event of an unexcused absence that results in a player missing all or part of a practice, the coach is allowed to deduct ice time from the player based on the following guidelines:

Unexcused Absences

Penalty

Late arrival

Lose game minutes equivalent to length of tardiness.

Miss complete practice

Sit out one game

MYH supports your absence in the following situations:

- Medical and family emergencies
- Special school activities (ex: concerts, field trips, etc.)
- Special church activities
- Special family functions (ex: weddings, funerals, graduations, etc.)
- Scheduled appointments

Family, Church and School Come First!

Notify the coach of an upcoming absence, he/she can plan team activities and practices accordingly.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY POLICY

MYH believes that participation in hockey is a privilege. It is not an opportunity that is readily available. Therefore, MYH has implemented and will enforce a minimum participation requirement. Players must inform a coach prior to a missed game or practice. Only excusable absences listed in the handbook guidelines will be accepted. Failure to notify the coach of an excusable absence may result in a one game suspension. Consequences of unexcused absences will be at the coaches’ discretion.

HOMEWORK DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN EXCUSABLE ABSENCE. Proper time management is expected of our players.

Player Punctuality

In order to allow the highest degree of personal and team athletic development possible, MYH has developed an arrival time policy for regularly scheduled practices and games.

Players will be in the locker room, dressed and ready to play, 10 minutes prior to ice time. This allows coaches the opportunity to properly address practice or game plans and communicate other important information in the most effective and professional manner. Failure to comply with this policy on a consistent basis may lead to a loss of game time ice, loss of member in good standing status, or suspension.

MOVE UP POLICY

It is the intent of MYH to allow exceptionally skilled players to play at a level appropriate to their skill level. Any player wishing to move-up must request permission directly from the Hockey Director by filling out and submitting the "MYH Player Move-up Request Form," at the time of registration.

The player move-up rules are as follows:

1. No player may play in, or tryout for, an age bracket above their age appropriate bracket without permission from the Hockey Director.
2. If permission to tryout is granted, the player must be evaluated for both teams. A position will be held on the age appropriate team until after the move-up tryout and placement on the move-up team. Permission to move up is not a guarantee of a spot on the move-up team.
3. Players will not be allowed to practice with the move-up team prior to that teams tryout.
4. The Hockey Director, in collaboration with the MYH Board of Directors and one other non-interested person chosen by the Director will evaluate the player. This panel shall observe the player requesting the move-up during evaluations/tryouts for both teams and make recommendations. This panel shall also meet with the player and parents to discuss the ramifications of a "move-up."
5. No player will not be moved up if next division is at capacity.
6. A player will only be allowed to move-up one year above their current age (e.g., a first year Pee Wee will not be allowed to move-up as a Bantam) greater scrutiny will be applied when a player is attempting to move from a non-checking division to a checking division.
7. All recommendations by the Hockey Director must be reviewed and voted on by the MYH Board of Directors.
8. The MYH Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any request for move up based on, but not limited to, skill level and safety of player.
9. Players who have made the election to move-up must fully commit to the move-up team and will be expected to participate in all practices and games for that team. However, in order to prevent a detrimental impact to the age appropriate team, players that have elected to move-up will be encouraged to participate in the games and practices for their age appropriate team. Additional fees may be charged in the event that a players plays on multiple MYH teams.
10. A player move up request may be initiate be a coach at any point during the season.

Towards the end of the season, it is sometimes beneficial for players that are advancing to the next level of hockey the following season to have practice-up opportunities to help prepare them

for the next level of hockey. These players may be invited to practice-up with the next age classification level during coach selected end of season practices of that teams season if those practices do not conflict with their age appropriate team or the older teams preparation of upcoming games. These practices should not be considered mandatory, however, players are encouraged to attend.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches:

1. Remember that a child doesn't care how much you know, until he/she knows how much you care. Your primary role is to develop a positive and ethical environment where all players are taught and encouraged to advance their skills.
2. Be a positive role model for your players.
3. Winning is a consideration, but not the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game Remember; players are involved in hockey for fun.
4. Display emotional maturity.
5. Be alert to the physical safety of players.
6. Be generous with your praise when it is observed.
7. Be fair and just, do not criticize players publicly.
8. Teach good sportsmanship, respect parents, opponents and officials.
9. Be patient and understanding, upbeat, and encourage fun.
10. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques, and strategies of hockey.
11. Be an effective communicator - do not just yell at players or officials.
12. Recognize your influence on players - be honest and consistent.
13. Teach the importance and value of team work.
14. Emphasize the development of the fundamental skills of hockey.
15. Adjust to player's problems and personal needs.
16. Maintain open lines of communication with your player's parents. Explain the goals/objectives of the MYH program.
17. Never verbally or physically abuse a player or official.
18. Give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self esteem.
19. Organize practices to be fun and challenging for your players.
20. Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
21. Never use profanity around players, parents and officials.
22. Adhere to all MYH program policies and coaching program.

Players

1. Play for fun.
2. Respect your coach, teammates and opponents.
3. Do not argue about official's decisions.
4. Play by the rules.
5. Work hard to improve your skills.
6. Be a team player, get along with your teammates.

7. Try your hardest to win but be a good sport.
8. Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
9. Be on time for practices and games.
10. Never use profanity. Older players never use profanity around younger players.

Parents

1. Encourage, do not force, your child to participate in hockey.
2. Be understanding and supportive of coaches and officials. Do not undermine a coach or official to your child.
3. Realize the importance of practice in developing your child's necessary hockey skills.
4. Be positive and encouraging with your child. Do not embarrass your child by screaming at coaches, players, officials or your child.
5. Teach your child that honest effort, good sportsmanship, and teamwork are most important.
6. Maintain an open line of communication with the coaching staff.
7. Encourage your child to play by the rules.
8. Set a good example for your child.
9. Do not let the worth of your child be determined by a team win or loss.
10. Encourage your child to improve his/her skills
11. Remember, children play sports for their enjoyment, not yours. Help make his/her involvement fun.
12. Appreciate good plays by your child's teammate, as well as those by opponents.

On Ice Officials

1. Act in a professional manner at all times and take your role seriously.
2. Strive to provide a safe and sportsmanlike environment in which players properly display their hockey skills.
3. Know all playing rules, including their interpretation and proper application.
4. Make your calls with quiet confidence and arrogance.
5. Violence must never be tolerated.
6. Be fair and impartial at all times.
7. Answer all reasonable questions and requests.
8. Adopt a "Zero Tolerance" attitude towards verbal or physical abuse.
9. Never use profanity when speaking to players, coaches or parents.
10. Use honesty and integrity when answering questions.
11. Admit your mistakes when you make them.
12. Never openly criticize a coach, player, or other official.
13. Keep your emotions under control.
14. Use only USA Hockey approved officiating techniques and policies.
15. Dedicate yourself to personal improvement and maintenance of officiating skills.
16. Respect your supervisor and his critique of your performance.

MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING

A member of good standing is one who is positively committed to the philosophy, practices and policies of MYH. A player, parent or coach can lose their membership in good standing for violation of any of the MYH Policies.

Consequences include:

- Suspension
- Expulsion
- Loss of registration privileges
- Loss of equipment privileges
- Ineligibility for any form of scholarship

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The MYH program personnel are committed to providing a healthy, caring, and enjoyable environment to all of our participants. In the spirit of this commitment, we have created several policies to help reinforce and supplement our Code of Conduct Contract. Parents/guardians, players and coaches should be made aware that failure to comply with these policies can result in severe consequences.

In agreement with USA Hockey, MYH is adopting this Zero Tolerance policy. Parents and spectators will maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey sanctioned games. The games will be stopped by on-ice officials when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior, interfere with the game or with other spectators. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the game area. Once they are removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This policy is in effect during home and away games. Inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include, but not be limited to:

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a angry or aggressive manner.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting,, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or actual act of physical violence.
- Throwing of any object in the spectator viewing area, players' bench, penalty box or on-ice surface which could create a safety hazard.
- Profanity/verbal or physical abuse includes any behavior aimed at players, coaches, officials, rink employees and/or other spectators.
- All players and parents must agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance policies.

Possible consequences for violating the contract and rules are as follows:

1. Filing of an incident report
2. A hearing with the Disciplinary committee
3. Temporary suspension from the team, ice arena, and/or MYH program.
4. Permanent expulsion from the team, ice arena and/or MYH program.

**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY WITH
THE MYH ZERO TOLERANCE POLICIES.**

SPECTATOR POLICY

Spectators involved with a MYH event will conduct themselves with the highest degree of courtesy, integrity, and behavior. Parents and spectators are requested to:

- Remain behind the glass areas of the rink.
- Avoid any contact with player's bench or the official's area (including the penalty boxes) unless specifically requested by a member of the coaching staff.
- Avoid the area behind the goaltenders when possible.

In the event of disorderly conduct, rink management will be responsible for ordering the spectator(s) to leave the premise. Management will then file a letter of incident with the Hockey Director. The Disciplinary Committee will then take it under review and make recommendations.

HARASSMENT POLICY

Harassment in any form will not be tolerated. Harassment includes, but is not limited to:

- Unsolicited remarks, gestures, physical contact, slander or libelous acts.
- Comments or slurs of an ethnic, religious, or sexual nature.
- Retaliation and/or intimidation against any individual who has filed a harassment complaint.

If a player is a victim of harassment or knows of someone who is, MYH encourages them to contact their coach and the Hockey Director immediately.

Penalties for violation of this policy are as follows:

First violation:	Suspension lasting 10 days or more.
Second violation:	Suspension lasting 30 days or permanent expulsion from MYH.
Third violation:	Permanent expulsion from MYH.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

Alcohol, drugs and cigarettes have no place in youth sports. MYH is committed to providing all our players with an alcohol and drug free environment. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Any player, coach or official who is knowingly in the presence of the possession or consumption of an illegal or controlled substance or is attempting to distribute alcohol, drugs, or tobacco will be suspended. Players found guilty of drug, alcohol or tobacco possession or distribution outside of their participation with MYH will face the same consequences.

Coaches and parents are asked to observe the standards set forth by our Association at the rink, hotels and during any MYH event. All coaches or parents will be asked to leave if they enter the rink in an intoxicated state. If a coach or parent refuses to leave, the police will be contacted.

Penalties for violation of this policy are as follows:

Players/Coaches/Parents

- First violation: Minimum 30 day Suspension from the MYH program
- Second violation: Permanent expulsion from MYH.

THEFT POLICY

Players are to notify their coach or team manager and rink management if personal property is stolen while at a MYH game, practice, or event. Notify the above mentioned personnel if you know or suspect the identity of the perpetrator.

If a player, coach or parent/guardian is accused of committing a theft, a hearing may be scheduled and/or the appropriate law enforcement officials will be contacted to review the matter and take the necessary action. If found guilty of theft, the accused may file an appeal with MYH.

- First violation: Possible permanent expulsion from MYH.

PROFANITY POLICY

While participating at MYH sanctioned events, it is the responsibility of all involved to refrain from the use of coarse language. Clearly in the case of the players, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to manage and direct their child regarding appropriate behavior. Parents, coaches and players may be brought before the Disciplinary Committee if there are complaints concerning language.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide a positive and productive forum for parents/guardians to express a grievance without inhibiting a coach from fulfilling his/her coaching responsibilities. Parents/guardians wishing to meet with a coach to discuss a grievance must follow the following guidelines:

1. Parents/guardians will not approach coaches immediately after a game to air a grievance. To prevent further escalation and poor communication, parents must observe a **48 hour** “cooling off” period.
2. Contact the team manager (**48 hours after the issue**) to arrange a meeting with the coach to discuss your grievance.
3. The Hockey Director will be contacted if the situation is not resolved to the satisfaction of the parents/guardians. If after this, the situation is still not resolved, the parents/guardians may bring it to the MYH Board of Directors for a final ruling.

Complaints directed to the a parent(s), Board of Directors, Hockey Director, spectators, and or any person involved in MYH is encouraged to respectfully contact person(s) involved and attempt to resolve their grievance.

If resolution is not satisfactory a formal complaint may be submitted to the MYH Board of Directors.

MYH DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The MYH Disciplinary Committee will consist of the MYH Board of Director, coaches, and on-ice officials. The committee will convene as soon as possible to expedite resolutions of violations. The policies outlined in the Handbook will be the guidelines for decisions made by the committee.

Disciplinary Process

For Coaches: Policy violation will first be reviewed by the Hockey Director. Depending on the review outcome, the matter could be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

For Players: Game violations are subject to MYH and USA Hockey rule books

For Parents/Guardians: Policy violations will first be reviewed by the Hockey Director. Depending on the results of this review, matter could be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

Parents/guardians are invited and encouraged to attend the disciplinary hearing. It is the belief of MYH that the interests of the player are best served by having a parent/guardian present. It is not the role of the parent to act as a mediator or actively participate during the hearing. The Disciplinary Committee is interested in the response and comments of the player and will make a decision based upon the player’s response, not the parent’s/guardian’s observations or opinions.

APPEAL PROCESS

All members subject to disciplinary measures have the right to appeal. To appeal a decision by the Disciplinary Committee, the following guidelines should be followed:

1. A request to appeal a decision by the Disciplinary committee must be made in writing within 5 days following the board's decision. This written request for appeal should be forwarded to the Hockey Director. After 5 days the right to appeal is waived.
2. Upon receipt, within 5 days, a hearing by the MYH Board of Directors will be called to review the appeal.
3. The MYH Board of Directors will render a final judgment within 10 days of concluding the review hearing.

PARENT BENCH, ON ICE AND LOCKER ROOM POLICY

Bench Policy

No parent is allowed near or on the team bench at any ice facility, home or away, unless authorized by the coach. Parents are not allowed to communicate with players, coaches or staff while team is on the ice. If there is an injury to a player, parents will be notified if they are needed on the bench. If a parent desires to approach the bench, they must first contact the team manager and he/she will make the arrangements with the coach. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a parent being brought before the Disciplinary committee.

On Ice Policy

Parents are not permitted to enter the ice for any reason unless given permission by a team official.

LOCKER ROOM POLICY

In addition to the development of our hockey players and enjoyment of the sport of hockey, the safety and protection of our participants is central to McCall Youth Hockey Association's goals. McCall Youth Hockey Association adheres to USA Hockey's SafeSport Program as a means to help protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of misconduct, including emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing. To help prevent abuse or misconduct from occurring in our locker rooms, McCall Youth Hockey Association has adopted the following locker room policy. This policy is designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk of misconduct in locker rooms. At Manchester Ice and Event Centre there are six locker rooms available for our program's use. Each of the locker rooms has its own restroom and shower area with the exception of locker rooms three and four which only have showers. Some teams in our program may also occasionally or regularly travel to play games at other arenas, and those locker rooms, rest rooms and shower facilities will vary from location to location. McCall Youth Hockey Association's team organizers will attempt to provide information on the locker room facilities in advance of games away from our home arena. At arenas for which you are unfamiliar, parents should plan to have extra time and some flexibility in making arrangements for their child to dress, undress and shower if desired.

Locker Room Monitoring

McCall Youth Hockey Association has predictable and limited use of locker rooms and changing areas (e.g., generally 30-45 minutes before and following practices and games). This allows for direct and regular monitoring of locker room areas. While constant monitoring inside of locker rooms and changing areas might be the most effective way to prevent problems, we understand that this would likely make some players uncomfortable and may even place our staff at risk for unwarranted suspicion. We conduct a sweep of the locker rooms and changing areas before players arrive, and if the coaches are not inside the locker rooms, either a coach or voluntary locker room monitors (each of which has been screened) will be posted directly outside of the locker rooms and changing areas during periods of use, and leave the doors open only when adequate privacy is still possible, so that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room. Team personnel will also secure the locker room appropriately during times when the team is on the ice.

Parents in Locker Rooms

Except for players at the younger age groups, we discourage parents from entering locker rooms unless it is truly necessary. If a player needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear, if the player is or may be injured, or a player's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents let the coach know beforehand that he or she will be helping the player. Naturally, with our youngest age groups it is necessary for parents to assist the players getting dressed. We encourage parents to teach their players as young as possible how to get dressed so that players will learn as early as possible how to get dressed independently. In circumstances where parents are permitted in the locker room, coaches are permitted to ask that the parents leave for a short time before the game and for a short time after the game so that the coaches may address the players. As players get older, the coach may in his or her discretion prohibit parents from a locker room.

Mixed Gender Teams

Some of our teams consist of both male and female players. It is important that the privacy rights of all of our players are given consideration and appropriate arrangements made. Where possible, McCall Youth Hockey Association will have the male and female players dress/undress in separate locker rooms and then convene in a single locker room before the game or team meeting. Once the game or practice is finished, the players may come to one locker room for a team meeting and then the male and female players proceed to their separate locker rooms to undress and shower, if available. If separate locker rooms are not available, then the players will take turns using the locker room to change. We understand that these arrangements may require that players arrive earlier or leave later to dress, but believe that this is the most reasonable way to accommodate and respect all of our players. McCall Youth Hockey Association adheres to a strict modesty policy. All players should arrive at the rink wearing their hockey base layers or shorts and t-shirts (in good condition - no holes or tears in clothing) under their street clothes. All members of the team must have this minimum attire before entering a co-ed locker room so that no player of one gender has the opportunity to see players of the opposite gender in a state of dress/undress. Male players will not undress to less than a minimum of shorts while female players are present. Female players will not undress to less than a minimum of shorts and a tee-shirt while males are present.

Cell Phones and Other Mobile Recording Devices

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, **are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms**. If phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the locker room.

Prohibited Conduct and Reporting

McCall Youth Hockey Association prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook. Participants, employees or volunteers in McCall Youth Hockey Association may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of these locker room policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.

Reports of any actual or suspected violations, you may email USA Hockey at SafeSport@usahockey.org or may call 1-800-888-4656.

Team Manager Email Addresses:

mccallbantamhockey@gmail.com

Bantam Manager

mccallpeeweehockey@gmail.com

PeeWee Manger

mccallsquirts@gmail.com

Squirts Manager

mccallmites@gmail.com

Mites Manager

RULE AND POLICIES FOR ALL ARENAS

- All players will dress in assigned locker rooms. No dressing in lobby or stands.
- No wearing of skates without skate guards in designated areas and the lobby.
- To prevent risk of injury, no horse-play is allowed in the arena.
- Use of elevators restricted to those in need of them.
- No hockey playing anywhere in arena except of the ice. Use of street hockey and in-line skates are prohibited in the arena.
- All locker rooms must be picked up after use. No paper, tape or other debris is to be left in locker rooms.
- Vandalism by any individual in or around the arena will result in an immediate suspension from the MYH program pending a review by the Disciplinary Committee. In addition, the incident will be reported to the police.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

In the event of a fire or another emergency situation where alarms are activated, all spectators and participants within the arena must evacuate the premises immediately. This includes all skaters and coaches. Exits are clearly marked and located throughout the arena.



2021-22 SEASON AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

NEXT SEASON

USA Hockey Playing Season: September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022

YOUTH TEAMS

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
2003	18 Years	18 & Under (Midget)
2004	17 Years	18 & Under (Midget)
2005	16 Years	16 & Under (Midget)
2006	15 Years	16 & Under (Midget)
2007	14 Years	14 or Under (Bantam)
2008	13 Years	14 or Under (Bantam)
2009	12 Years	12 or Under (Pee Wee)
2010	11 Years	12 or Under (Pee Wee)
2011	10 Years	10 or Under (Squirt)
2012	9 Years	10 or Under (Squirt)
2013	8 Years	8 or Under (Mite)

No USAH registration fee 2015 and younger
(6 & Under)

GIRLS' & WOMEN'S TEAMS

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
2002	19 Years	19 or Under
2003	18 Years	19 or Under
2004	17 Years	19 or Under
2005	16 Years	16 or Under
2006	15 Years	16 or Under
2007	14 Years	14 or Under
2008	13 Years	14 or Under
2009	12 Years	12 or Under
2010	11 Years	12 or Under
2011	10 Years	10 or Under
2012	9 Years	10 or Under
2013	8 & Under	8 or Under

No USAH registration fee 2015 and younger
(6 & Under)

Please note... ALL USA Hockey and IAHA Hockey rules supersede any or all inconsistencies and/or omissions in the McCall Youth Hockey 2020-2021 Handbook.

MCCALL YOUTH HOCKEY Cancellation Policy

Mite player cancellations made by November 1st will be fully refunded, less any "Late Registration Fee." Squirt and older player cancellations made by October 10th will be fully refunded, less any "Late Registration Fee." To cancel a player's enrollment and request a refund, please email your Team Manager.

If at any point before or during the season and no later than March 1st, MYHA makes the decision; per State or Federal COVID-19 guidelines or for local safety measures; to cancel the whole or remaining season, players will be reimbursed ice fees on a pro-rated basis.

Otherwise, cancellations are non-refundable. It is recommended that insurance be added at registration check-out to protect against unforeseen reasons for cancellation.