



South Australian Ice Hockey Association

The Mission of the South Australian Ice Hockey Association Inc is to Promote and Develop Ice Hockey as a Safe, Healthy and Enjoyable Sport for All

Junior Membership: Rules and Code of Conduct

To become a member of Ice Hockey SA - Juniors, both you and a responsible parent/guardian must sign this document, and in doing so, agree to fully abide by it. It is essential to the smooth running of the competition that all players and their families understand and respect these rules and regulations. Please keep this document for reference. The Ice Hockey - SA Junior Convenor will retain the signed back sheet.

1. Ice Hockey SA - Junior Membership

- 1.1 Prospective members must complete all necessary registration forms required by Ice Hockey Australia and Ice Hockey SA, read and sign this document, and ensure that their registration fee is paid in full before their membership can be confirmed. Failure to complete this process may result in Ice Hockey SA not registering the member. In the case of Pointstreak online registrations, all rules, release and indemnity fields must be acknowledged as requested.
- 1.2 The member agrees to keep their registration and season fees up to date. Failure to do so will result in access to the ice being denied for any IHSA events or sessions.
- 1.3 No transfer documents to or from Ice Hockey SA will be authorised until and unless a player's liability to his/her outgoing team/association is cleared and confirmation from the Referee in Chief is received in regards to suspensions.
- 1.4 Team jerseys issued to a player remain the property of Ice Hockey SA - Juniors. Failure to return the jersey or returning it damaged, more than would be considered normal wear and tear, will result in the player paying Ice Hockey SA – Juniors to replace the jersey, to a value of \$150.
- 1.5 Ice schedules may change at short notice. Regularly check your email, the main noticeboard, the Ice Hockey SA Junior Ice Hockey Forum (www.ihсах.гrouрsite.com) and the South Australian Ice Hockey Association website (www.icehockeysa.com.au) for news and updates.

2. Ice Hockey SA – Junior Officials and Coaches

- 2.1 Ice Hockey SA - Juniors is run by the Ice Hockey SA Board appointed Junior Convenor and the Junior Council which is a sub-committee of Ice Hockey SA. There are also Training and Bench Coaches, Team Managers, State Team Coaches and State Team Managers actively involved. They are all there to help you to play and enjoy ice hockey, so if you have any questions, please ask.
- 2.2 Ice Hockey SA Junior Officials and Coaches will place player safety and welfare above all else and be impartial and consistent when making decisions.

2.3 Ice Hockey SA Junior Officials and Coaches will not allow prejudice, will address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.

2.4 Ice Hockey SA Officials and Coaches will help each player reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each player and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.

3. Child Protection

3.1 Ice Hockey SA considers child protection to be of great importance. All coaches and officials are required to undertake a National Police Check and for that to be cited by the Ice Hockey SA Secretary.

3.2 Wherever practical, Ice Hockey SA Junior Officials and coaches will avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.

3.3 Any physical contact with a player should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.

4. Bullying and Cyber Bullying

Every person in sport, in every role, has the right to participate in an environment that is fun, safe and healthy, and to be treated with respect, dignity and fairness.

4.1 Bullying is deliberately hurting a specific person either physically, verbally, psychologically or socially. It can be carried out by one person or several people who are either actively or passively involved. In a sports context bullying can take many forms, for example:

- a parent telling their child that they are incompetent, hopeless, useless
- a coach alienating a player
- several people ganging-up on an individual team member
- spectators verbally abusing players from the opposition
- an athlete calling a referee names and using put-downs

4.2 Types of bullying

Bullies may use one or several types of bullying to hurt their victim including:

- **Physical** - pushing, shoving, punching, hitting, kicking, taking away a person's belongings
- **Verbal** - name calling, threatening, teasing, intimidating, yelling abuse, using put-downs
- **Psychological** - ganging up, preventing a person from going somewhere, taking a person's possessions, sending hostile or nasty emails or text messages
- **Socially** - excluding, alienating, ignoring, spreading rumours.
- **Cyber Bullying** - Cyber bullying is a form of bullying, which is carried out through an internet service such as email, a chat room, discussion group, instant messaging or web pages. It can also include bullying through mobile phone technologies such as SMS.

Examples of cyber bullying behaviour are:

- teasing and being made fun of
- spreading rumours online
- sending unwanted messages

5. Discipline

- 5.1 As a Member of Ice Hockey SA – Juniors you are an ambassador for Ice Hockey SA. Take pride in your team/association and demonstrate your loyalty and commitment to it whenever and wherever appropriate. Behave in a responsible manner at all times when at the rink, when representing Ice Hockey SA elsewhere, and when in team or association clothing.
- 5.2 Please get changed for games in the assigned team change room. Change rooms must be left clean and tidy. The appropriate disposal of tape, drinks and all other rubbish is the responsibility of each member. Failure to keep the change rooms clean will result in disciplinary action.
- 5.3 Do not enter the ice without all mandatory safety equipment including but not limited to neck guard, mouth guard and helmet. Failure to do so will result in access to the ice being denied.
- 5.4 Show respect for all Ice Hockey SA – Junior Coaches, Team Managers, On-ice Officials, Off-ice Officials, Junior Convenor and Members of the Junior Council. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.
- 5.5 Show respect for the rink, rink property and staff, and abide by the rules set by rink management at all times. Misconduct on, or damage to, the rink premises may be dealt with by rink management independently of Ice Hockey SA. Members will be personally liable for any fines or repairs that become payable by Ice Hockey SA as a result of damage they have caused. Members banned from the rink for poor behaviour will not be refunded any payments made to Ice Hockey SA – Juniors.
- 5.6 Players will treat each other and all officials in a safe and respectful manner. This includes but is not limited to:
- Respecting each other's differences – no teasing, bullying, harassment or discrimination
 - Respecting each other's personal space – no pushing, shoving, deliberate tripping etc on and off the ice
 - Talking to each other respectfully – no shouting and no abusive language
- 5.7 All on-ice offences will be dealt with by match officials. This could result in a player being suspended.
- 5.8 Serious breaches of discipline will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to: bullying, cyber bullying, fighting, swearing, property damage, theft, consuming alcohol or drugs, and bringing Ice Hockey SA into disrepute by any other means. This behaviour will not be tolerated at the rink or when representing Ice Hockey SA elsewhere. This includes on buses and aeroplanes to and from events, at other rinks and in overnight accommodation at tournaments. The penalties for such misconduct may include suspension and instant dismissal from Ice Hockey SA.

Minor discipline issues will be dealt with by Team Coaches and Team Managers and the Junior Convenor. Major issues will be referred to Junior Council and/or the Board of Ice Hockey SA.

6. Training and House League Games

- 6.1 Training ice time is in great demand, so always be ready to take to the ice in plenty of time. Coaches may refuse access to any player who is late.

- 6.2 On game days, please be at the rink at least 30 minutes before face off. This is to allow team officials plenty of time to accurately complete the required paperwork. Please be considerate.
- 6.3 Coaches will decide the amount of ice time each player receives. In House League games, efforts will be made to allocate equal ice time when appropriate to ensure that all players have a chance to develop their skills.
- 6.4 No train – no game. Players are expected to train regularly. Failure to attend practice without a valid reason may result in a player being excluded from games.

If you have any issues in relation to on-ice matters please discuss these with your Team Manager or the Junior Convenor, and not the Coaches. It is the Team Manager and Junior Convenor's responsibility to mediate on your behalf and the Coaches will respond either directly, or via the Manager or Junior Convenor.

7. Fundraising

- 7.1 Ice Hockey can be an expensive sport to play. Ice Hockey SA does everything possible to keep the costs affordable. Part of this involves fundraising through a skate-a-thon and food and drink stalls. We appreciate your assistance with our fundraising efforts as it is to benefit all.

8. Parental Participation

- 8.1 Ice Hockey SA is a non-for-profit organisation with all tasks carried out by dedicated volunteers. Thus, we ask all parents to play a part in helping to run it. Tasks parents can assist with include, but are not limited to, opening gates, scoring, running the time clock, assisting with fundraising, managing representative teams, being a parent representative on Junior Council. If you are not already helping and would like to do so, please speak with your Team Manager or the Junior Convenor.

9. Responsible Adults

Whilst we rely on members observing the Rules and Code of Conduct, parents and family members also have an important role to play.

- 9.1 Support Ice Hockey SA – Juniors in enforcing the Rules and Code of Conduct. Club officials are all dedicated volunteers committed to ensuring Ice Hockey is a positive experience for your child.
- 9.2 Encourage children to participate and have fun. Focus on your child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- 9.3 Encourage your child to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to violence.
- 9.4 Remember that children learn by example. Please be an example of good sportsmanship to your child.
- 9.5 Never yell at or ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 9.6 Please note that Ice Hockey SA and the rink are not responsible for any loss or damage to members' equipment and possessions.

By signing this form we agree to abide by the Rules and Code of Conduct of Ice Hockey SA – Juniors and we are aware that in breaching these rules we may be subject to disciplinary action.

Member:

Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian:

Print name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____