

- 1. Responsibility to Perform.** Each player has voluntarily chosen to make a commitment to this organization. That commitment comes with the responsibility and the accountability for your actions both on and off the ice. In order to fulfill your responsibility you are expected to meet and fulfill your Team and Club's criteria to succeed. Each player will follow all rules, regulations, guidelines, and by-laws as outlined by the Downingtown East Ice Hockey Club (DEIHC), this Code of Conduct.
- 2. Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy.** Any use or possession of drugs, narcotics, hallucinogens, or alcoholic beverages by participants of the DEIHC is strictly prohibited. THIS IS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY and will be enforced if discovered by a Team Head Coach or DEIHC Board Member. Any player found to be in violation may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or termination from the club without refund or relief from financial commitment. Players observed smoking or chewing tobacco will be subject to disciplinary actions as determined by the head coach up to and including playing suspension. Repeat offenses may result in termination from the club without refund or relief from financial commitment.
- 3. Financial Commitment.** The Parent agrees to be responsible for the financial commitment made in this Agreement (which includes the payment of a Registration Fee and a Player Fee), even in the event that Player's Club or playing privileges are suspended and/or terminated for any reason, including but not limited to disciplinary or academic issues, injury or illness, and understand this to mean that in no case will the Player Fee be prorated for any portion of the season.

The Parent understands and agrees that if the Player resigns or otherwise voluntarily terminates his/her participation for any reason after signing this agreement and participating in evaluations, the Player is not entitled to a refund of the Player Fee and must pay the entire remaining balance of the Player Fee before a the player will be permitted to resume participation with the club in this or future seasons.

- 4.** The Parent understands that the USA Hockey Atlantic District requires member Clubs to report any player's outstanding financial obligation to the District. The Parent and Player understand that a reported player cannot be placed on the roster of any other Atlantic District team (middle school, high school, in-house or travel ice hockey team) until the outstanding financial obligation to the Club is satisfied.
- 5. Equipment.** Participants are required to wear ALL appropriate ice hockey equipment, at all times for all practices, scrimmages, and games per USA Hockey rules and regulations including mouth guards. Neck guards are highly recommended. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ejection from the remainder of the practice, scrimmage or game.
- 6. Attendance and Tardiness.** All players are expected to attend all practices, scrimmages, and games. All players will be responsible to abide by the rules imposed by each individual coach. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary actions as determined by the coaching staff.

7. **Club Dress Code.** As a club member you are a representative of the DEIHC. The club's dress code is determined by the Head Coach of each team. Violation of this rule may result in disciplinary action as determined by the head Coach.
8. **Team Uniform.** The uniform of DEIHC teams is: Downingtown East jersey, matching socks, clear tape, blue helmet for Varsity, blue/black for all other teams, and Downingtown East black shell.
9. **Respect and Maturity.** Each player is responsible to balance schoolwork, social and family activities, and athletics. DEIHC players will show respect for their coaches, teammates, referees, opponents and spectators. Incessant swearing and abusive language will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disciplinary action as determined by the Head Coach. Fighting is not tolerated. Any DEIHC player involved in a fight will receive the league imposed discipline and may be subject to additional disciplinary action as determined by the Head Coach. Any additional fighting offense(s) within the same season will be reviewed by the DEIHC Board for possible further discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion from the club without refund or relief from financial commitment.
10. **USA Hockey Safe Sports and Safety.** The safety of all DEIHC players is paramount to the organization. Through the USA Hockey Safe Sport program DEIHC is committed to creating the safest possible environment for participation in our ice hockey program. These policies address the following types of abuse and misconduct: sexual, physical, or emotional abuse, bullying, threats and harassment, and locker room electronic communications policy. The Safe Sport Handbook can be reviewed at [http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0042/6452/USA\\_Hockey\\_SafeSport\\_Program\\_Handbook.pdf](http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0042/6452/USA_Hockey_SafeSport_Program_Handbook.pdf). Anyone in violation of the Safe Sport policy will be subject to suspension and or expulsion.
11. **Parent Conduct in the Stands.** Parents must cheer for our teams with respect for all players, officials and parents of both teams. It is required that you uphold the class and dignity of the Downingtown Ice Hockey and Downingtown East name. Repeated violation of this rule will prevent you from entering the games.
12. **Coach Player Issues.** At the high school level, any and all player/coach issues need to be discussed and resolved between the coach and the player. If the issue is not resolved, a meeting between the parents/player and coach may be arraigned ONLY by the team manager.

At the Middle School and Elementary School levels, the parents may contact the team manager to set up a meeting to resolve the issue.

The 24 hour rule always applies. Violation of this policy will be subject to suspension.

**Parents and players must use the proper procedure to resolve any player/coach issues**

The ICSHL's Chestmont division is one of the most competitive divisions in the area. Downingtown East will always play in this division. While the perfect scenario is for every player to play equal time, given the competitive nature of the games, that is not always going to happen as playing time may be limited as deemed by the coach. Any issues of playing time MUST be discussed and resolved between player and coach.

**By signing this document, the undersigned player and parent affirm that each has read this document and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions stated herein.**

YOU ARE AGREEING TO PAY ALL FEES AT THE FULL PRICE THAT IS DETERMINED BY THE CLUB. THIS PRICE IS NON-NEGOTIABLE AND IS NOT DEPENDENT ON THE NUMBER OF GAMES/PRACTICES THAT A PLAYER PARTICIPATES. PLAYER INJURY RESULTING IN OFF ICE DOES NOT RELIEVE FINANCIAL OBLIGATION.

**PRINT PLAYER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PLAYER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**PRINT PARENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PARENT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)