



## **Introduction:**

The North American Hockey League, or NAHL, maintains the reputation as a leader in its commitment to player safety. In accordance with the North American Hockey League Code of Conduct, we continually strive to create a safe and positive playing environment for our participants. The North American Hockey League family of coaches, players, fans, team owners and officials are all committed to player safety.

The NAHL Department of Player Safety, created to strengthen the rule standards regarding reckless, dangerous or injurious actions, parallels the rule applications, verbiage and discipline structures of the National Hockey League Department of Player Safety.

This Department will focus on all negative or aggressive behavior that jeopardizes the safety of another player or any actions that denote negatively on the NAHL. Participants who are deemed repeat offenders will be subject to stricter repercussions and a heightened awareness will remain for contact that targets or includes the head area.

The Team Managements of the NAHL are responsible for educating the team members and coaches on safe play principles and the NAHL Players Code of Conduct. The NAHL Players are responsible for recognizing potentially dangerous or injurious situations that may occur on the ice and making a safer decision in the heat of the battle.

The North American Hockey League objective is to create a forum where players can showcase their skills in a safe environment while maintaining the passion and physical competitiveness of the game.

Best wishes for a safe season,

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