



## **Purpose:**

The NAHL Code of Conduct has been created to promote player safety and to ensure the future health and well-being of our players. It explains regulations and consequences for targeted dangerous and illegal actions that we all want out of the game. It is critical that all NAHL Players read and understand this document and the potential disciplinary actions contained for engaging in specific, repetitive, negative and high-risk behavior.

## **Background:**

USA Hockey and the NAHL are seeking solutions to ensure that junior hockey is played at a high level of competition that serves as a developmental path to college and professional hockey.

The emphasis of our shared efforts in making our game better centers around the following actions – fighting, checking from behind, contact to the head and knee contact, especially when the result is an injury.

It is the position of USA Hockey and the NAHL that players, coaches, officials, ownership and team officials must all share in the combined efforts of improving the quality and player safety in the game while also taking responsibility for and having fair, yet clear ramifications for illegal and dangerous on-ice actions.

## **Role of the Player:**

You, the player are the greatest asset to the game of hockey. It is critical that you, the player understand the specific and high-risk behavior that has been targeted to ensure that your development takes place in the safest and most competitive environment possible.

## **Players have a responsibility to:**

1. Be knowledgeable of the objectives of the Player Safety Initiative, the Code of Conduct, and the Rule Supplement.
2. Understand the consequences of these negative actions and the subsequent discipline that shall be enforced for engaging in this unwanted behavior.
3. Understand that the NAHL Code of Conduct was created for your safety, that controlling your actions will define you as a player and that you will be held accountable for negative unwanted behavior.
4. Respect the game, the rules, fellow players, the coaches, the officials, the volunteers and the fans.
5. Refrain from public criticism of fellow athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.
6. Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language.
7. Refrain from verbal, physical or otherwise communication with fans, staff and volunteers.
8. Refrain from contact of any kind with fans, staff and volunteers.