

**Gander Minor Hockey Association**  
**Player-Parent Agreement**  
**2024-25**



Upon accepting a position on a hockey team within Gander Minor Hockey Association (“GMHA”), the player (“Player”) and the player’s parent or guardian (“Parent”) agree to the following terms for the 2024-2025 hockey season:

**Expected Conduct of Players, Coaches and Parents**

**Behaviour**

Players must be on their best behaviour during all team related activities where they represent GMHA. There is zero tolerance for bullying, harassment, obscene language or gestures towards other teammates, opposing players, officials or coaches. It is a coach’s right to discipline a player for behavior, which is judged to be unacceptable.

Players and parents shall treat each other, opposing players, coaches and officials with respect and always show good sportsmanship.

Players will not use or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, banned substances or smoke/vape while involved with activities associated with or caused by their participation in GMHA.

Parents agree to allow the volunteer coaches to perform their duties to the best of their abilities and not openly criticize their coaching or undermine their authority.

Any behavior (Player, Parent, Volunteer) which is judged by the Association to be abusive or intimidating toward a player, parent, coach, executive member, game official, or others, shall be investigated and appropriate sanctions and/or disciplinary action will be implemented depending on the results of the investigation. GMHA considers such behaviour to contradict the spirit of playing the game of hockey and any such occurrences may lead to suspensions for both players and family members from GMHA.

**Commitment**

1. Players will attend all team functions (games, practices, and events) unless excused in advanced by the coaching staff/management.
2. Players are required to attend 80% of practices and 80% of games. (Extended medical exemptions with a doctor’s note must be approved by the board).

3. Any player who relinquishes their commitment to a rep team for unreasonable circumstances (eg. doesn't agree with team placement, conflicts with other players/team members, etc.) will forfeit their right to try out for a rep team the following season.
4. Players of Rep teams are required to participate in their respective HNL Provincial Tournament. Failure to fulfill this requirement without reasonable cause will result in that player being ineligible from participating in GMHA's Rep program the following season. Travel vacations are not considered reasonable in this circumstance, and if vacations conflict with provincial tournament dates, then that player should not try out for a Rep team.

### **Uniforms & Equipment**

1. Players will be provided home and away team jerseys with cresting and numbers. Team Jerseys are the property of GMHA, and players will be responsible for damages while in the players possession.
2. Players/parents will be responsible to return team jerseys back to GMHA at the end of the season. Failure to return GMHA jerseys will result in a fee charged to the parent.
3. Players are required to wear GMHA approved hockey socks, so they match the jerseys.
4. Team jerseys are to be worn only at approved team games and functions.
5. Players must wear all equipment as specified and required by HNL and Hockey Canada while on the ice or bench.

### **Dress Code**

Each Rep team shall adopt a dress code which abides by guidelines set forth by GMHA. All players shall comply with the dress code at all games and all team activities.

### **Cooling off period:**

GMHA requires all members to respect the 24-hour cooling off period. Parents/guardians shall not approach coaches immediately after a game or practice to discuss events from said game or practice. Once the 24 hours has passed, communication may be brought to a team manager or divisional director. The team manager is always the first line of communication, and they will bring all questions and concerns to the coaching staff. Under no circumstances shall a parent or guardian approach the ice, bench, official's room or players dressing room during or immediately after a game or practice to air grievances. Such occurrences will be documented and brought to the GMHA executive for discussion and appropriate discipline implemented when necessary.

### **Fees**

Rep fees are set by GMHA annually. Payment of fees shall be made in a timely fashion as established by GMHA.

**The undersigned acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions of the GMHA Player Parent Agreement.**

Players Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Players Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_