



CODE OF CONDUCT

Players, coaches/captains, umpires and spectators must treat all other players, coaches/captains, umpires and spectators with the utmost respect and dignity. All individuals are expected to compose themselves maturely and have sportsman-like conduct on and off the field at all times during National Field Hockey League ("NFHL") affiliated games and events, including, but not limited to, the Fall Championship, Fall Challenge Cup, and Spring Tournaments ("Tournament" or "Tournaments"). Anyone who fails to abide by the conduct rule will face the consequences as stipulated below.

Player Code of Conduct

Each player is expected to:

- Know the rules and abide by them. The NFHL abides by all FIH and NCAA rules unless otherwise stated.
- Respect the umpires and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions.
- Demonstrate the highest level of respect and sportsmanship towards players, coaches/captains, umpires and spectators.
- Refrain from abusive and derogatory language, profanity, and physical assault at any time – all are strictly prohibited.
- Respect all NFHL staff.
- Follow all building and field rules and regulations at all NFHL affiliated games and events.

Coaches/Captains Code of Conduct

In addition to the Player Code of Conduct, coaches and/or captains are expected to:

- Ensure that all building and field rules and regulations are followed by the players and spectators.
- Ensure that spectators of their team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites, and assist the game umpires in maintaining control of spectators during the games. Abusive, profane or derogatory language from spectators is strictly prohibited. Captains/coaches should address the behavior immediately if an issue arises.
- Respect the coaches/captains and players of the opposing team at all times.

Offensive Actions

Any individual violating the Code of Conduct set forth above shall be subject to the penalties set forth below. In addition to conforming to the requirements of the Code of Conduct above, the following actions are specifically prohibited:

- Refusing to abide by an umpire's decision.
- Verbally abusing, assaulting, or threatening any player, coach, official, parent, spectator, or NFHL staff.
- Physically abusing, assaulting, or threatening any player, coach, official, parent, spectator, or NFHL staff.
- Engaging in any other type of violent behavior.
- Engaging in any lewd or sexual behavior, or inappropriate physical contact with a player, coach/captain or umpire.
- Using drugs or alcohol while coaching, attending, or participating in any NFHL affiliated game or event.

Reporting Improper Conduct

Coaches/captains, players, parents, spectators, and umpires can report any issues they observe before, during, or after games. Please send all reports to info@nationalfieldhockeyleague.com with the following details:

- Date of the game
- Teams involved
- Names of offenders (if known)
- Details on the offense that occurred

Penalties

The NFHL officers shall determine the appropriate penalty for any violation of the Code of Conduct and any Offensive Actions. All decisions of the NFHL officers are final and cannot be appealed. Penalties may include any one or more of the following:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Expulsion from the Tournament (Team or Individual)
- Suspension (Team or individual)
- Expulsion from the National Field Hockey League (Team or Individual)

The NFHL officers have the authority to expel any player, coach/captain, spectator, or team from the NFHL or NFHL affiliated game or event if they commit any offensive action as listed above.

Notwithstanding the above, the NFHL has a zero tolerance policy for any violations of the Code of Conduct at Tournaments. If any individual affiliated with a certain team is found to be in violation, that individual will immediately be asked to leave and will be prohibited from participating for the duration of the event. Thereafter, if a separate individual affiliated with the same team is found to be in violation of the Code of Conduct, the entire team will immediately be expelled from the Tournament.

The NFHL reserves the right to amend this Code of Conduct as necessary.