

# LONG ISLAND ROYALS

## Policy Statement/Agreement

### OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Long Island Royals Hockey Club is to provide qualified hockey players with the opportunity to develop their athletic skills and character within the team concept. It is the Club's policy to compete at the highest possible competitive level for each age group.

### PHILOSOPHY

The Club seeks to enter the strongest teams possible at each age group and level so that it can meet its objective of providing a program where each player can develop his skill to the best of his ability. The Club attempts to provide a winning attitude in all players while attempting to teach them the fundamentals of the sport. This does not imply a "win at all cost" philosophy, as the rest of this policy makes clear. All players, parent's, coaches and other Club officials are expected to abide by both the spirit and letter of this policy statement. The Club believes that its objective can be best met when all players and coaches dedicate themselves to creating a **WINNING TEAM**. For the coaches, dedication means a continuing desire to improve themselves as teachers and motivators, while maintaining a high degree of professionalism. For the players, it means learning to grow and mature within the structure of the team. Winning is not only determined by the scoreboard.

### ICE TIME

**IT IS NOT THE POLICY OF THE CLUB TO REQUIRE EQUAL ICE FOR EVERY PLAYER.** The amount of ice time that any player receives during any game is entirely within the discretion of the team coaching staff. The coaches are encouraged to use players in situations where, in their opinions, the player is best able to succeed.

### PLAYER OBLIGATIONS

The players are the foundations of the Long Island Royals Hockey Club. Along with the privilege each player has earned with his hockey skills, comes the responsibility to maintain a standard of both academic and athletic excellence. In order to ensure the best possible season, players are expected to contribute to the Club both on and off the ice. The following guidelines are intended to form a basis for an enjoyable and successful season for each team:

- (1) Be on time for all practices and games.
- (2) Help with all team activities during the year. Do not expect coaches, managers and parents to do all the work.
- (3) Obey all team and Club rules and regulations.
- (4) Listen when coaches, managers or other authorities speak. Do not undermine the authority or respect of the coaches or management.
- (6) Treat all team mates, coaches, managers, parents, on-ice and off-ice officials and others with respect.
- (6) Encourage others on the team. Pick up the team rather than put it down. Think how comments will effect others before making them.
- (7) Do your best at all times and have fun at what you are doing.

### FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

Each player will receive a payment schedule from the team manager. The schedule will provide the amount and due date of payments required to satisfy the tuition fee for the age group and level at which the player will participate.

The player and parent agree to meet these financial obligations in a full and timely manner.

If financial obligations are not met the player will not be permitted to participate in any on-ice games or practices until financial obligations are met.

All player tuition fees are based upon total team season costs being shared equally by all rostered players. If any player misses any portion of the season regardless of the reason, their tuition SHALL NOT be prorated. If the player chooses to leave the team before full payment of their financial obligation, they will not be given a release to play for another team until their financial obligation is met.

### DISCIPLINE CODE

All players, coaches, parents, managers and officials of the Long Island Royals Hockey Club are expected to follow all rules and regulations concerning Club policy. The following infractions by a player are sufficient cause for disciplinary action by coach or disciplinary committee, including possible expulsion from the Team/Club.

- (1) The use, distribution or possession of illegal drugs.
- (2) The drinking or possession alcoholic beverages of any kind. Giving alcoholic beverages to a team mate.
- (3) Smoking.
- (4) The malicious destruction or damage of any property whether or not that property belongs to the Club.
- (5) The stealing of any property or equipment.
- (6) Missing scheduled games or road trips without permission from the coaching staff or team managers.
- (7) Continued and unexcused absences from practice.
- (8) The refusal to follow pre-arranged lodging or billeting arrangements. Failure to meet curfews.
- (9) Insubordination towards coaches or management.
- (10) The failure to follow the team dress code, specified by coach.
- (11) The non-payment of any fees by the scheduled payment dates.

### PARENT OBLIGATIONS

The Club welcomes and expects the active participation of parents. Parents, relatives and friends, are encouraged to attend all games and other activities.

No parent may discuss on-ice game or practice policies or activities directly with any coach. All comments about on-ice activities may only be made through the teams parent representative or manager.

The conduct of parents reflects on the team and the Club. In this regard, parents are reminded that repeated, unacceptable behavior by a parent could result in that parent's child being dismissed from the team without any recourse or refund of fees. The following are some activities pending the Discipline Committee decision. This list is not intended to be a complete list of offenses, but rather serves merely as examples of serious offenses.

- (1) Fighting or any physical abuse of coach, manager player, club official or other parent or game official.
- (2) Repeated verbal abuse of the above.
- (3) Providing any member of the team with alcohol or controlled substance.
- (4) Failure to meet financial obligation in full and in a timely manner. A charge of \$20.00 will be assessed for each returned check.
- (5) Repeated berating or harassment of players, coaches, management to the detriment of the team.

### AGREEMENT BETWEEN TEAM/CLUB AND PLAYER/PARENT

In order to ensure a meaningful year of hockey, it is important that parents, players, coaches and club understand and agree with the Conditions of this Policy Statement.

Player's Name (Please Print)

We the undersigned, have read this Policy Statement and agree to abide by the rules and policies contained herein.

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Player's Signature Date

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Parent's Signature Date

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Head Coach Signature Date

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Organization Representative Signature Date