

Blazers Hockey

Blazers Youth Hockey Club Player / Parent Agreement 2011 – 12 Season

This agreement constitutes a binding agreement under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania between _____ (“Player”) as well as jointly or severally by Player’s parent(s) or legal guardian _____ (“Parent”), and the **Blazers** Youth Hockey Club (“Club”), registered with USA Hockey for the 2011 – 2012 hockey season (from contract signing to the conclusion of the 2012 USA Hockey Youth National Tournaments (“season”)).

1. During the season, the Player agrees to play youth ice hockey exclusively for the Blazers Youth Hockey Club with the exception of the Player’s school hockey team.
2. The Player agrees that he will attend all ice practices, games, off-ice training, instructional sessions and organized team meetings, except when prevented from doing so for educational obligations or medical reasons, in which case, the Player will request permission, **in advance**, to be absent, when reasonably possible to do. The Blazers Youth Hockey Club acknowledges that such permission will be granted for all reasonable requests. The Player agrees that he/she will maintain his academic and educational course work at the highest-level possible.
3. The Club shall purchase ice time for each participating team for practice sessions and games throughout the season. See specifics for each level in Addendum A.
4. The Player will register with USA Hockey, and forward a copy of the registration to the Club, so that the team may be properly registered with USA Hockey
5. The Club will arrange for referees for all home game slots for each team.
6. The Club will secure coaching for each team.
7. The Club does not guarantee equal playing time to the Player as a condition of membership.
8. The Parent will make certain prior to their child’s participation in the activities of the Club that the child is in good physical health.
9. The Parent will provide their child with all necessary HECC approved equipment to participate in the game of ice hockey and to make certain the equipment is maintained in good order.

10. The Parent shall be obligated to pay the Club tuition as established in Addendum B for participation as a member of the Blazers Youth Hockey Club.
11. The Parent and Player acknowledge and agree that failure to pay the full tuition and in a timely manner as established in Addendum B may result in suspension of all Club activities and/or discharge from the Club without recompense. If we have not received your payment on the due date, then we will automatically charge your credit card the amount due on the day following the due date. Any other payment arrangement must be approved by the Blazers Treasurer prior to June 1st or prior to contract signing, whichever date is later.
12. The Player and Parent acknowledge and agree that the full tuition must be paid, even should the Player or Parent determine to voluntarily leave the Club or the Player be discharged from the Club, subject to Club's current refund policy as detailed in Addendum C.
13. The Player will wear all required protective equipment at all times when participating in on ice activities.
14. The Player and Parent will immediately report any injuries or medical conditions from which the Player suffers to the team head coach.
15. The Player and Parent agree to abide by all rules and regulations of USA Hockey Inc., the Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association, Delaware Valley Hockey League and Blazers Youth Hockey Club.
16. The Player and Parent acknowledge that failure to abide by the rules set forth in this agreement and addendums will be cause for disciplinary action up to and including dismissal, without refund, from the Blazers Youth Hockey Club. Further Player or Parent will not commit any act detrimental to the Club or to the sport of youth ice hockey. Such infractions may lead to suspension or termination of the Player. See Addendum D for Club conduct policies.
17. The Player and Parent acknowledge that ice hockey is a contact sport. The Player and Parent agree that neither the Blazers Youth Hockey Club, nor any of its officers, agents, servants, employees, and sponsor shall be held liable for any injury or damage resulting directly or indirectly from and participation with the Club, whether such participation occurs on or off the ice. The Player and Parent further agree that they hereby discharge the organization, its officers, agents, servants, employees and sponsors from any and all actions, claims, and demands for injury or damage. It is understood that said release and discharge shall bind the heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns of the parties to this agreement. It is further agreed the Blazers Youth Hockey Club shall not be considered a guarantor of the safety of any equipment or facility provided for the benefit of both Player and Parent. The Blazers Youth Hockey Club reserves the right to use any pictures taken during activity for promotional or instructional purposes without compensation to either Player or Parent.
18. The Player and Parent acknowledge that failure to pay the full tuition or an agreed to reduced tuition (see Addendum C) will restrict any other Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association registered team from offering a playing position to the Player for the balance of

the current season and the following season. (See Addendum E for Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association policy). Further, the Player and Parent acknowledge that during the season a Player may request a release from the Club to participate with another club for the balance of the current season or the following season. However, the issuance of a release is totally within the discretion of the Club and under no circumstances will such release be granted unless the Parent and Player are in good standing with the Club and all monies owed the Club and team for any reason (including equipment purchased from the Gear Zone) are received by the Club at such time the release is granted.

Player signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Credit Card Type

Credit Card Number

Credit Card Expiration Date

Credit Card Authorized Signature

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ADDENDUM A

TEAMS and ICE TIME

All PeeWee, Bantam & Midget teams will receive (17) weekend home game slots. Mite and Squirt teams will be following the USA Hockey ADM model, which allows for (20) total half-ice games at Mite (ten at home). Squirt teams will play (27) total games (13 home game slots), with a mandated three-to-one practice hours-to-game ratio for Squirts.

Midget teams will receive (30) total practices, five of which must be scheduled in August 2011.

PeeWee and Bantam level teams will receive approximately (52) practices.

Squirt teams will receive (52) practices, plus an additional (26) skills clinic sessions between May 1st and February 28th, which will allow for compliance with USA Hockey's American Development Model requirements.

Mite teams will be required to follow USA Hockey's American Development Model which mandates 40 shared-ice practices and maximum of 20 half-ice/cross-ice games. Mite teams will also receive an additional (26) skills clinic sessions between May 1st and February 28th.

The Season Practice Schedule is as follows:

Mite (2003 & 2004)	(2) shared-ice practices weekly
Squirt (2001 & 2002)	(2) shared-ice practices weekly
PeeWee (1999 & 2000)	(1) full-ice & (1) shared-ice practice weekly
Bantam (1998 & 1997)	(1) full-ice & (1) shared-ice practice weekly
Midget 16U (1995 & 1996)	(1) full-ice practice each week
Midget 18U (1993 – 1995)	(1) full-ice practice each week

* Mite thru Bantam practices begin the week of August 29th, 2011 and end by March 2nd, 2012.

The total number of practices is approximate due to the nature of holidays falling on certain practice nights during the course of the season.

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ADDENDUM B

2011-12 PARTICIPATION FEES & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Mite	\$1,250
Squirt	\$1,750
Pee Wee	\$1,950
Bantam	\$1,990
Midget (Minor & Major)	\$1,895

Payment schedule:

\$250 Non-Refundable Registration fee due with pre-registration

\$750 Due by June 15, 2011

\$500 Due by August 1, 2011

Balance due by September 1, 2011

** USA Hockey Registration, \$75 Evaluation Fee and Blazers Apparel Fees are not included in the participation fees above*

** \$75 Evaluation Fee plus \$250 Registration Fee is due with your Registration, prior to getting on the ice for evaluations.

*** **USA HOCKEY registration fees** are not included in the Participation Fees. All Players, Coaches and Managers are required to complete their 2011-12 USA Hockey registration online at www.usahockey.com. Everyone will be required to print their registration verification received via email from USA Hockey (for your records), and forward it by email to Blazers Registrar Cathy Marbach at alfy1965@aol.com by no later than July 1, 2011.

Team Apparel & Cost

All players NEW TO THE CLUB will need to purchase:

Home & Away Jersey with name & number	\$ 210
Home & Away socks	\$ 24
Pant Shell with logo	\$ 55
Sweat Suit	\$ 105 (All Mite, Squirt, PeeWee & Bantam players)

Apparel cost will be paid separately and directly to the Gear Zone at the Polonia Bank Flyers Skate Zone at NE Philadelphia. Returning Club members will receive an order form for any apparel items needing replacement.

All apparel orders must be received in the Gear Zone **by May 8th** to ensure on-time delivery prior to the start of the season. Please make sure to follow up with our staff to place your order.

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ADDENDUM C

REFUND POLICY

As you are aware, the club makes various financial commitments for ice, referees, league fees and other charges. In order to meet those commitments to our vendors, the leagues, the teams and its players we have implemented the following refund policy for the season. Please be guided accordingly.

Refunds may be issued only upon one of the following conditions and written request to the club treasurer by the parent(s) or guardian(s).

- 1) Season ending injury or illness supported by written documentation from a certified physician detailing the nature of the injury or illness, or
- 2) Moving to a new location.

Refund requests will be reviewed by the Blazers President to determine whether or not a refund is applicable. Refunds will be based on the following schedule and may be modified for special circumstances.

First \$500 of participation fees plus ordered apparel is **NON-REFUNDABLE**. Remaining balance of fee will be refunded as follows:

Prior to September	80%
September	60%
October	40%
November	20%

No refund after November 30th.

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ADDENDUM D

The USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy and the Atlantic District Parents and Spectator Code of Conduct are supported fully by our organization. The Blazers Disciplinary Committee has been charged to investigate and take action against any coach, parent, spectator or player in violation of said policy and code of conduct as well as any other complaints from the membership related to on or off ice behavior issues.

The sad part is that these types of policies are even needed. Behavior issues are embarrassing to all parties involved and accomplish nothing but to create ill will and bad examples for others to emulate. This is an emotional game but if you cannot control your emotions you will be subject to suspension and or expulsion as determined by the Disciplinary Committee. Please do not place yourself or others in that situation.

Alleged violations of the Zero Tolerance Policy and/or Parent and Spectators Code of Conduct should be reported in writing to the Disciplinary Committee. An investigation into the alleged violation will be started and the Disciplinary Committee will rule on the incident and take action against the offender should the situation warrant an action.

The off ice manager and/or head coach are responsible to and **must report in writing** any and all incidents that result in an individual(s) being removed from the rink viewing area by action of the referee, rink personnel or police to the Disciplinary Committee within 24 hours of the incident.

The Board has established guidelines for the Disciplinary Committee's use. However any action that results in a club member(s) removal from the rink by a referee's action or that of the police **WILL RESULT** in the immediate suspension of that person from the rink viewing area for all Blazers practices and games until a Disciplinary Committee hearing has taken place and a ruling has been made. The Zero Tolerance Policy and the Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct are included with this memo for your reference.

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A. ZERO TOLERANCE

In an effort to make ice and inline hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior and Adult Councils and the InLine Section have instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators and prents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey-sanctioned games. Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all Referees and Linesmen:

Players

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.

2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision.

Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

Coaches

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators.

Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

Officials

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. Officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

Parents/Spectators

The game will be stopped by game officials when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

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1. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
3. Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard

PARENT & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.

Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.

Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.

Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

Know and study rules of the game, and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of officials only hurts the game.

Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice – it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.

Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them

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ADDENDUM E



Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association

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MEMO

Date: 23 February, 2005

To: All Atlantic District League Presidents
From: Tom Koester, Sr.
Subject: Delinquent Tuition

The Atlantic District of USA Hockey is instituting a policy for organizational members who are not in good standing from leaving current organizations and moving on without fulfilling their financial obligations.

On or before March 15, 2005, you are to submit via fax (856-346-3790) to our office a list of members in your organization who have not met or have reneged on their financial obligations or payment schedules to your organization. List is to include your organization, name of player, name and address of parent/guardian and amount outstanding.

During these times we find more and more persons club jumping and completely ignoring past due financial obligations. We are not going to collect this money for you, but will distribute this list to make other organizations aware of money due others and to tell the delinquent players they need to fulfill their past obligations before they can play for a new organization.

However, if you do not submit a current past due name list by March 15, 2005, we cannot help you collect your past due balance and you will be out that money.

If you have promises from people who are on a payment plan and they are current as of March 15, 2005, please do not submit their names. If they renege on their promised payments after March 15th we will distribute their names on a supplemental list after April 15, 2005.

This policy was a result of several organizations being owed money from those who chose to ignore their contractual agreements. Please email this memo on to your individual organizations for their action.

Thank you.