



Southlake Carroll Hockey Association

2006-2007 Policies and Codes of Conduct



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Standards and Objectives

The Southlake Carroll Hockey Association (SCHA) is an organization dedicated to meeting the needs of our student-athletes in the areas of competition and character development. SCHA has as a goal to offer the opportunity of participation to every student who has the ability and desire to do so. The desire of SCHA is that every student-athlete will have a safe, satisfying, and educational experience through his/her participation in Southlake Carroll hockey. SCHA players are representatives of the organization at all times and are expected to exhibit the highest standards of behavior on and off the ice.

The following areas are judged to be of significant importance in the establishment of the type of athletic club necessary to achieve the above standards and objectives

Behavior:

- Proper dress and appearance, good grooming, and personal cleanliness. Varsity players will wear shirts, ties and slacks to all games. JV players will wear the SCHA collared polo shirt and khaki slacks to all games.
- Abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, and drugs
- Pursuing physical fitness through training
- Adequate rest and proper nutrition
- Arrive at the rink within the allotted time period as established by your head coach.



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Citizenship:

- Exemplary conduct, on and off the campus and ice rink
- Adherence to school, community and SCHA rules and standards
- Respect for individuals and property including cleanliness of locker room after games and practices
- Commitment to scholarship and academic achievement

Team Responsibility:

- Common goals and group loyalties
- Subordination of self-interest to team values
- Self-discipline and personal sacrifice for team goals

Since no student is obligated to participate in SCHA, to do so is a privilege, not a right. Since participation in SCHA is a privilege, the SCHA Disciplinary Committee and coaches (in cooperation with the SCHA Board) have the authority to revoke the privilege when rules are broken. Revocation of the privilege may include expulsion from SCHA without refund.



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No Pass/No Play

Participation in SCHA hockey is intended to be supportive of, and subordinate to, academic achievement. All players are subject to the No Pass/No Play Policy.

The Southlake Carroll Hockey Association strictly enforces the UIL No Pass/No Play regulations for its Varsity and JV Teams including all high school and eighth grade players.

A player must be a "student in good standing" at his/her school according to the academic pass/play rules for the individual school district.

Any player that is not academically eligible according to the UIL and their respective local school district will not be allowed to play in any regular season or post-season games until such time as they become academically eligible according to the UIL and/or their respective school district.

This suspension is in effect until the player/student is reinstated by the school authorities. Should a student elect to withdraw from public school and enroll in either a private school or be home schooled while they are considered academically ineligible by the public school, that student will not be eligible to participate in the High School League. He or she must be a "student in good standing" at his/her public school according to the academic pass/play rules for the individual school districts prior to withdrawing from that school. Should the student physically change addresses and become part of a different public school district while the student was academically ineligible at the previous school, the student must become a "student in good standing" at his/her new public school according to the academic pass/play rules of the public school the student is attending.

All member teams must abide by the following rules:

- Each team is required to obtain a copy of their



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respective school's academic eligibility calendar.

- Each team is required to complete an academic eligibility report for each grading period, which lists every player on their official USA Hockey roster. This report will declare each player as being either academically eligible or academically ineligible. This report must be signed by both the team representative/manager and the head coach.
- Each team representative/manager will be required to verify the academic eligibility status of every player on the team's official USA Hockey roster each grading period. This verification can be complied with either by reviewing the student's report card each grading period or by receiving a signed academic eligibility status report by a school official, i.e. principal, vice-principal or counselor. This report need only declare whether or not the student is considered by the school as being academically eligible or ineligible according to the UIL No Pass/No Play rules.
- Any player for which verifiable documentation as listed above is unavailable for any reason will be listed as ineligible and not allowed to participate in any games until the academic eligibility can be verified.
- A student that receives an "incomplete" on a report card for any grading period is ineligible until such time the work is completed and a final passing grade rendered. An "incomplete" grade is counted the same as a failing grade until replaced with a passing grade.
- A student that is protesting a failing grade on a report card for any grading period is ineligible until such time the protest is concluded and a final passing grade rendered.
- A student who receives, at the end of any



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grading period (after the first six weeks of the school year), a grade below 70 in any class (other than an identified advanced class) may not participate in extracurricular activities for three school weeks. An ineligible student may practice, however. The student regains eligibility after the seven calendar day waiting period has ended following a grading or the 3 school weeks evaluation period when the principal and teachers determine that he or she has earned a passing grade (70 or above) in **ALL** classes, other than those that are advanced.

- All teams must check grades for all participants at the end of the first six weeks of the school year. From that point, grades are checked at the end of the grading period whether it is six, nine, or twelve weeks in length. Students who pass remain eligible until the end of the next grading period. All team representatives/managers are responsible for verifying the grades before the student represents the school in accordance with item c) above. This provision applies to all grading periods. It also applies to all three school week evaluation periods for ineligible students.
- All students are eligible during a school holiday of a full calendar week or more. When the bell rings to dismiss students for the December holidays, all students are eligible until classes resume in January. The same is true for summer recess and fall and spring breaks provided those breaks consist of at least a full calendar week.
- Students in year-round schools are eligible during inter-sessions.
- If a grading period or three school week evaluation period ends on the last class day prior to a school holiday of one calendar week or more (e.g. spring break, winter holidays), the seven calendar day grace period to lose eligibility and the seven calendar day waiting period to regain



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eligibility begin the first day that classes resume.

- Students lose eligibility for a three school week period. For purposes of the law, “three school weeks” is defined as 15 class days. Exception: One, but only one of the three school weeks may consist of only three or four class days, provided school has been dismissed for a scheduled holiday period.
- Consult your school’s eligibility calendar for specific eligibility dates for each grading period.
- All students must receive a 70 or above in all subjects each grading period in order to be eligible to play. Eligible players remain eligible until the end of the next grading period, without submitting a progress report. The only exception to this would be if a student received a failing grade in a course that is listed by the school as being “Exempt”. AP, Honors and designated classes by the respective school district are excluded from the No Pass/No Play rule. Each school is allowed under the UIL to list certain classes as being exempt from the No Pass/No Play regulations. The team representative/manager must obtain a list of any and all exempt courses from their respective school at the beginning of each school year.
- Any student that receives one or more failing grade(s) (below 70) on their report card is ineligible to play on the date listed on their respective schools academic eligibility calendar. The student remains ineligible until the progress reports are issued. In order to regain eligibility, the student must be passing **ALL** courses on the progress report. The student will regain eligibility on the date listed on the school’s academic eligibility calendar.
- SBC High School Hockey League grants 4 days to allow for reception of report cards that are sent through the mail. The 4 days will be added both



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to the original, beginning, and ending dates shown on the school's academic eligibility calendar for all grading periods. This procedure will be uniformly applied to all teams in the league. This procedure will be in effect from the start of the season and remain in effect throughout the season.

Bottom line, if a student is considered eligible by their respective school to participate in any other UIL approved sport, then they are eligible to play high school hockey.



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School Suspension Policy

Any player who is placed in Alternative Education Placement (AEP) classes, suspended out of school, or placed in in-school suspension is not eligible to compete in any League scheduled season or post-season games until he/she has been back in the regular classroom setting for one complete school day. Should a student elect to withdraw from public school and enroll in either a private school or be home schooled while they are in or have been placed in alternative education classes or are under any type of school imposed suspension by the public school, that student will not be eligible to participate. He or she must be a "student in good standing" at his/her public school and have completed any and all disciplinary requirements or other suspensions or required attendance in alternative education classes assigned by the public school prior to withdrawing from that school. Should the student physically change addresses and become part of a different public school district while the student was attending alternative education classes at the previous school, the student must become a "student in good standing" at his/her new public school according to the rules of the public school the student is attending.

This suspension is in effect until the player/student is reinstated by the school authorities.

In order to participate in a high school league the player must be a student in good standing in their respective school. Generally, if a student would otherwise be eligible to play a UIL recognized sport for their respective school, then they are eligible to play high school hockey.



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Substance Abuse Policy

The Southlake Carroll Hockey Association (SCHA) is committed to providing a safe environment for all participants. When participants are impaired due to the use of drugs or alcohol, they become a safety hazard to themselves and to others. This Substance Abuse Policy is implemented to provide a drug-free, safe environment. SCHA strictly prohibits the use of alcohol by minors, the use of substances considered illegal by Texas Statute or which are defined as controlled substances by the Food and Drug Administration which have not been prescribed to the individual taking the substance, and the use of performance enhancing substances, whether legal or illegal. Such prohibition applies to all activities, whether related to SCHA activities or not, during the entire hockey season which begins the first day of tryouts and extends through the final game, including playoffs, or the End of Season Banquet which ever is later. In addition, if a player participates in a team off season under the registered team name of Southlake Carroll Hockey and/or wears a Southlake Carroll Hockey jersey, the player is subject to all of the code of conduct provisions for the preceding season.

To assist in the enforcement of this policy, no drugs will be allowed in the locker room except prescribed drugs required to treat medical conditions and registered with SCHA. In no case will a player share or offer to share any medication or performance enhancing substance with another player.

If, in a coach's judgment, a player may be under the influence of a substance that alters their performance or behavior, the coach will remove the player from the ice and immediately notify the player's parent/guardian. This removal is implemented in the interest of the safety of all players.



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Player Code of Conduct

All student-athletes are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Southlake Carroll Hockey Association (SCHA) and the Southwestern Bell Hockey League. SCHA holds all of its student-athletes to a high standard of conduct. The SCHA Board and its coaches view participation in SCHA activities, games, and events as a privilege, not a right. Therefore, the SCHA Board and coaches may develop and enforce rules of conduct that will take into consideration conduct that occurs during SCHA activities and outside of SCHA activities during the hockey season. (The hockey season is defined as beginning the first day of tryouts and extends through the final game, including playoffs, or the End of Season Banquet which ever is later.) This would include any misconduct that would reflect negatively upon SCHA. Student-athletes clearly involved in major disciplinary infractions (i.e. including, but not limited to, drugs, alcohol, violent behavior, and any other illegal offense) will be suspended from participation by the SCHA Disciplinary Board and SCHA coaches. Evidence must be presented to the coaches and SCHA Disciplinary Board in one of the following forms:

- A report from a law enforcement agency
- Personal confession
- Observed behavior by a SCHA official, including coaches

When evidence is presented to the SCHA Disciplinary Board and/or SCHA coaches, the following penalties shall be rendered:

- **1st Offense:** Suspended from activities for 30 school days
- **2nd Offense:** Suspended from activities for 60 school days
- **3rd Offense:** Suspended from activities for 90 school days

On the first and second offense, if a student turns himself/herself in, confessing of his/her misconduct, then his/her penalty will be reduced by ½ (e.g. 30 days would be reduced to 15 days). In order for the



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reduction in penalty to occur, a student must report his/her own misconduct prior to any other reports being made to SCHA officials. Penalties for "school days" may run over into the next school year. These penalties are cumulative throughout the school career of the student-athlete. For each violation beyond the 3rd, a suspension of 1 calendar year will be imposed. If a student is suspended during a time in which tryouts are taking place for the following year, he/she may not participate in these activities, and consequently, may limit his/her ability to participate beyond the immediate penalty.

Students who are suspended and/or assigned to Alternative Education Placement (AEP) while in school may not participate in SCHA activities, including games. See School Suspension policy.

The head coach of each individual team has control of his/her program. He/She may use their discretion for disciplinary action involving minor or multiple infractions (including but not limited to locker boxing, disrespect or verbal abuse to any coach, player (on any team), parent or fan (on any team), referee or rink personnel, theft, tampering with another person's personal property, vandalism, fighting, intentional checking from behind, two-handed chops or slashes, knee-on-knee checks or intent to injure, excessive or unexcused absences for reasons other than medical, religious, educational or employment) listed above.

Furthermore, if a player participates in a team off season under the registered name of Southlake Carroll Hockey and/or wears a Southlake Carroll Hockey jersey, the player is subject to all of the Code of Conduct provisions for the preceding season.



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Parent Code of Conduct

Parents or guardians of a player in the Southlake Carroll Hockey Association (SCHA) are subject to the Parent's Code of Conduct. Failure to abide by this code may result in disciplinary measures including mandatory USA Hockey Positive Parent training, prohibition from attending SCHA games and/or practices or other SCHA sponsored events, expulsion of your player(s) from SCHA without a refund, or any combination thereof. Membership in SCHA is a privilege, not a right.

As a condition of having a player represent an SCHA team, parents and/or guardians agree to the following:

- Support SCHA in enforcing the SCHA Standards and Objectives, Player's Code of Conduct, Substance Abuse Policy, No Pass No Play Policy, School Suspension Policy and Parent's Code of Conduct Policy.
- Demonstrate support for players, coaches, and officials at games, practices, or other SCHA events.
- Refrain from: pounding on the glass surrounding the ice surface, profanity, taunting, or derogatory remarks about players from any team, fans, coaches, or officials during SCHA events.
- Refrain from attempting to coach your player from the stands.
- Assist the coaches by making them aware of any facet of your player's game or personal life outside of hockey that needs attention.
- Leave the arena if you are getting angry or frustrated, until regaining composure.
- Support the coaches and disciplinary board in their decisions.
- Communicate any concerns about your player's safety or well being to the coaches immediately.



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Player issues (ice time, position preferences, etc.) should be addressed between player and coach.

- Refrain from generic communication (other than complaints, which are addressed below) with the head coach or assistant coach of your player's team from ½ hour prior until ½ hour after a game unless approached by that coach.
- Address concerns/complaints about the team to the team manager; then if necessary to the SCHA ombudsman, and finally the SCHA President.
- Locker rooms are private areas for players, coaches and officials. Parents or guardians are not allowed access to the locker room or player boxes unless invited to do so by a member of the coaching staff or in the event of an emergency.

Ambassadorship: The reputations of the Southlake Carroll ISD, SCHA, and the community are directly affected by the actions of SCHA parents, guardians, and fans. SCHA players are representatives of the organization **at all times** and are expected to exhibit the highest standards of behavior on and off ice. The same standards of behavior are expected of parents and guardians.



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Coaches Code of Conduct

The goal of SCHA is to develop players athletically and personally to achieve their greatest potential.

Therefore, SCHA coaches shall:

- Treat everyone fairly within the context of his or her activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.
- Respect athlete's dignity and direct comments or criticism at the performance rather than the athlete.
- Consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of their sport and coaching.
- Refrain from criticism of fellow coaches, athletes, officials, and volunteers.
- Abstain from the use of tobacco products while in the presence of athletes.
- Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages when working with athletes.
- Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.
- Never provide athletes with tobacco, alcohol, or any other mood enhancing substance and never encourage the use of it.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing, or otherwise offensive language, actions or gestures in the conduct of his/her duties.
- Ensure that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability, and fitness level of the athletes and educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a



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safe environment.

- Communicate and cooperate with registered medical practitioners in the diagnoses, treatment, and management of their athletes' medical and psychological situations. Consider the athletes' future health and well being as foremost when making decisions regarding an injured athletes' ability to continue playing or training.
- Recognize and accept when to refer athletes to other coaches or sport specialists. Allow athletes' goals to take precedence over their own.
- Regularly seek ways of increasing professional development and USA Hockey certification. The Head Coach must hold coaching accreditation at the Intermediate level or above and Assistant Coaches must have the Associate level or above, from USA Hockey. Proof of such accreditation must be presented to SCHA and the league prior to the first regular season game. An exemption to this rule may be granted for cause by the league and SCHA upon petition by the Head Coach. Such exemption shall be at the sole discretion of the league and SCHA.
- Treat opponents and officials with due respect, both in victory and defeat, and encourage athletes to act accordingly. Actively encourage athletes to uphold the rules of their sport and the spirit of such rules.
- Communicate and co-operate with the athletes' parents or legal guardians involving them in management decisions pertaining to their child's development.
- Be aware of the many pressures placed on athletes as they strive to balance the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of their lives. Conduct practices and games in a manner so as to allow optimum success.



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- At no time become intimately and/or sexually involved with their athletes. This includes requests for sexual favors or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such requests.
- Responsible for the conduct in and the condition of the locker room.
- Cooperate with the Disciplinary Committee and the SCHA President in the enforcement of SCHA and league rules and regulations and report any irregularities that violate competitive practices.
- Select and be responsible for assistant coaches and a team manager.
- Be responsible for their own actions as well as those of their players, parents and staff, both on or off the ice, and before, during or after a game or practice, as well as in the immediate vicinity of the arena.
- To become familiar with the objectives and guidelines of SCHA's hockey program and communicate them to players and parents.



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Acknowledgement

Please Sign and Return this page only to your Team Manager.

Player:

I have read the following SCHA policies and agree to abide by them:

- Standards and Objectives
- No Pass/No Play
- School Suspension
- Substance Abuse
- Player Code of Conduct
- Parent Code of Conduct

Player Signature: _____

Player Name (printed): _____

Date: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I (We) have read and agree to abide by SCHA's policies (as identified above) and confirm that my son/daughter has read and agrees to abide by these policies.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent Name (printed): _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent Name (printed): _____

Date: _____