

THE RULES OF THE MILTON KEYNES JUNIOR ICE HOCKEY CLUB 2011

PREFACE

The Milton Keynes Junior Ice Hockey Club has been established to:

- Promote, govern and improve organised Junior Ice Hockey in Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas.
- Foster among its members, parents, supporters, and teams a community and sportsmanlike spirit.
- Maintain and increase the interest of the game of Ice Hockey.
- Exercise general care, supervision and direction over the playing interests of the team and players.
- The club's guiding principles is that the interests of the youngsters comes first, and that the club exists to provide support and a framework to both players and coaches.

Failure to note and abide by the rules contained herein could result in a Player and / or Parent / Guardian being asked to leave the club.

ACCEPTANCE & REGISTRATION: Having been accepted by the club for the registration as a player, and by the club officials. The player / parent / guardian will be asked to sign a registration form, with two recent passport sized photographs of the player, together with proof of date of birth (usually a photocopy of a Birth certificate or Passport). This form will be forwarded to the English Ice Hockey Association, so that the player may be registered with the E.I.H.A. Once this process has been completed the registration secretary will register the player with the club.

Until this form has been signed, and the appropriate membership and insurance Fees paid, the player will not be allowed to train or take part in any games. Registered players are required to wear complete protective equipment, as laid down by the rules of the club, when participating in training, or games. No player will be allowed either, onto the ice, or the player's bench area without complete protective equipment.

The minimum equipment required by the club is as follows:

Helmet with face guard
Throat guard (must be separate item)
Shoulder pads
Elbow pads
Hockey gloves
Box or pelvic protector as appropriate
Shorts
Leg guards
Hockey skates
Stick

Players purchasing new equipment should note that the preferred team colours are now black helmet and black shorts. Plain black socks, as used by the MK Lightning away strip will be required to be worn at junior home and away games. These can be purchased from the rink shop.

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REGISTRATION: A registration form and medical form are to be completed each year and submitted along with the appropriate fees.

A photocopy of their birth certificate, or passport, is only required when a player joins the club, not each year.

If a player requires their registration number for trials / training with another club or organisation, the player must seek permission from the club before the manager will release the number.

If a player wishes to leave the club, they should advise their Team Manager, who will arrange for the Club Registration Secretary to release the player.

A player will not be released from the club until all their fees are paid in full.

A player may not play for any other club until they have been released by to this club and transferred to their new club by the EIHA league administrator.

If a player has been asked to play for another club in a game, the secretary of the other club must apply in writing the secretary of this club and also obtain permission from the EIHA Youth Management Chairperson.

Players must obtain permission from the club to train at another ice hockey club. If a player trains without permission they will automatically be asked to meet with the disciplinary committee, which could result in the player being asked to leave the club.

FEES: Fees will consist of an annual membership fee and an EIHA player registration and insurance premium. The insurance premium is set by the EIHA which is dependant on player's age and level of competition.

Fees can be paid in full at the beginning of the season, half yearly or by monthly standing order.

Failure to pay any fees may result in a player being asked to leave the club.

Members joining the club before October pay the full annual membership fee.

Members joining the club after 1st October may receive a discount at the discretion of the Executive Committee. All financial arrangements, whether paying by standing monthly or in full, must be in a position before the player can start training with the club.

On leaving the club those who pay monthly will have to settle their account, which will include a settlement fee. This is calculated by one-month fees divided by 11 multiplied by the number of months of the training season that have elapsed.

Match fees will also be charged and must be paid prior to the game to enable a player to participate.

If a player receives very little ice time / or no ice time at all, a refund will be made at the discretion of the Team Coach, and the Director of Junior Development.

Should a player be unable to train for a period in excess of 6 weeks due to a hockey related injury parents might ask the Executive to review their fees.

TEAM OFFICIALS: The Director of Junior Development has overall responsibility for the player's conduct and performance on the ice.

The club designates the Managers / Coaches for the teams.

These are the only adults permitted in the dressing rooms, or the bench areas during games or training.

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RINK PROTECTION: No practice, or game may take place without the protection nets and/ or plexi –glass, in place, around the rink. All adults in attendance at the rink, during these times maybe asked to give help in putting up and taking this protection down.

RINK CONDUCT: Whilst the training sessions, or games, are in progress, those not participating should conduct themselves in an orderly manner. Once dressed, they should immediately vacate the premises leaving the dressing room in a tidy condition.

It is not permitted to use sticks or pucks, in the rink spectator areas or the changing room areas.

No equipment should be left unattended outside the changing rooms.

Only Club Officials, and players are permitted in the changing rooms. One parent per player may enter the changing room to assist the younger players (U10 / U12) No player should attempt to go onto the ice, without the permission of the Level 2 coach in charge.

No player is allowed to leave the ice / bench area without the team coaches' permission.

Parents / guardians should notify the coach / team manager if a player will not be attending training.

No player will be allowed to train unless they are a club member or have an application pending with the club.

At no time during either training or games, is it permitted for Parents, Guardians or Spectator, to approach the player's benches, stage area, or any club official. Neither should any player, team coach, or team manager, be approached or distracted, during training or games. Any desired communication with a player, or club official, should be made through the players' manager.

Any approach to a club official, should be made, away from, the dressing rooms, or bench area.

PUNCTUALITY: Practice times, and game times, will be notified in advance and should be strictly adhered to; any player not ready for training sessions, or match may not be able to participate, and persistent lateness, could result in a player being barred from the club activities.

REFRESHMENTS: Whilst some rinks have catering facilities, for refreshments after a game; it is the responsibility of the parent to provide the player with sufficient food and drink, for the journey.

Failing this, they should ensure that the player has sufficient funds, to be in a position to purchase their requirements, either at rinks, or at the stopovers on the motorway services. It is advised that players receive a sufficient meal before travelling to games.

It is advised that no heavy meal be consumed within two hours of a game.

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TEAM SELECTION & TRAVEL: Players selected to play for a team, will be given advance notice, in writing (E-mail), prior to the game. If a player is unable to take part, the team manager or team coach, must be informed immediately, and certainly no later than the morning prior to the game taking place. Their place on the team may / can then be given to another club player. Players are required to report at the time, and place, stated on their e-mail, with full equipment. Parents or guardians (or responsible adult, named by the parent) must accompany a player, to all games, unless the team manager in charge has given permission for their absence.

It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians, to ensure the good behaviour of the players, on the team buses and the rinks during games. Any litter must be cleared up from buses before arrival back at the rink, after an away game. There will usually be a charge to cover travel expenses on the buses, which must be paid prior to the journey; payments must be made to the team manager in charge.

ICE TIME: Players may, on some occasions, be invited, to train with older age group teams; they will be given advance notice, and only those invited may participate. It is also a club policy, to invite younger players, to “play-up” in games of the older age groups. The Director of Junior Development and the two age group coaches of the player concerned will make this decision. All three must be consulted and approved before the player “plays-up”.

CONFERENCE TRAINING AND ENGLAND TRIALS:

The Director of Junior Development and the age group coach will recommend players for Conference and England Trials. When selected for trials, players and parents must notify the club when the trials / training are taking place. Players attending trials / training without the clubs permission will be disciplined or asked to leave the club.

The Director of Junior Development and Club Secretary will liaise with the Conference and England coaches on how the club players selected for the training / trials are progressing.

GENERAL HEALTH: It is the responsibility of the Parent or Guardian, to ensure that a player participating in training or games is fit to do so. Any ailments should be reported to the Team Manager, or team Coach, prior to participating in any game or training sessions.

Injury: If an injury occurs parents/guardians should not approach the bench or rink until asked to do so by either the coaches or manager.

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HEALTH & SAFETY: parents / guardians of all players are required to complete an emergency medical form each season. This form is not for general scrutiny, and will be filed by the Club Secretary; a copy will normally be carried by the team manager to games, for use by the Medical Authorities, should the need arise.

A Parent or Guardian should accompany a player to ALL fixtures, be available during training sessions. If this is not possible, it is the parents or guardians responsibility to ensure that the manager or other club official is aware of the adult to whom parental responsibility has been transferred for the trip or training session.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: Unless the club has been notified in writing to the contrary; the club will assume that in the unlikely event that a player or member requires emergency first aid or medical treatment: THAT NO OBJECTION OR RECRIMINATION will be made to the administration of said first aid. If possible it will be a trained first aider whom will administer the first aid. The club or its officials cannot be held responsible or liable for any injury or repercussion that may result from any injury or first aid treatment.

DISCIPLINE: During the game or training session, all instructions given to players by the Director of Junior Development, Team Coach or Team Manager must be complied with.

During training sessions, all players must respond to the Coaches' whistle or command. Any player who does not comply with the coaches' commands will be asked to leave the ice for a set period of time.

If the offender persists, the player may be suspended or expelled from the club.

During a game, any query regarding a decision made by a Referee, or Linesman, can only be conducted through the Team Captain, Alternate Captain or bench Coach. The club will take a serious view of any players or parents conducting themselves in such a manner, so as to bring the Team, Club or Sport onto disrepute.

The club will not tolerate bad language, spitting, or unseemly gestures at Spectators, Opposing Players or Officials, or Game Officials before, during or after a game.

The Club and the Sport of Ice hockey have a zero tolerance policy regarding racial abuse. Offenders will be asked to leave the Club.

The club has the power to suspend or expel a member if it is considered to be in the best interest of the club. Any personnel wearing club uniform or representing the club will be disciplined if they bring the club into disrepute. Should a player be expelled through misconduct or injury from a game and have to return to the changing room their parent or guardian in charge should accompany them.

If the occasion arises that it becomes necessary interview any of the players regarding a discipline issue, the Director of Junior Development, in the presence of the age group coach or manager, the Clubs CP officer and the player's parents, will conduct this.

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24 HOUR RULE: If after a game or training session a player or parent has cause for complaint it is requested that a period of 24 hours is elapses before a written complaint is submitted to the age group manager. The age group manager will then distribute to the Director of Junior Development, The MKJIHC Child protection officer and the Executive Committee who will then convene a meeting of all parties at the earliest opportunity. Any complaints regarding a suspected breach of the Clubs Child Protection Policy should be reported to the Clubs Child Protection Officer without delay. The Child Protection Officers details are on the Club website.
www.mkstorm.com

SPONSORSHIP: The Club Fundraising Officer, on behalf of the club, will coordinate all sponsorship and donations. No member of the club may be individually sponsored or seek sponsorship or financial aid from a third party without the permission of the club.
No logos may be displayed on a player's kit without permission of the club.

TOURNAMENT RULES: Director of Junior Development, Team Coaches and Managers must read the rules of the Tournament Competition to assess the number of players to take to the Tournament. If more than one team is invited to a tournament, there will be a meeting between the Director of Junior Development, Team Coaches and Managers to discuss playing strategy, travel and accommodation.

PERSONAL DATA HELD ON COMPUTERS: The secretary, treasurer and team manager maintain basic information about each player on personal computers in order to administer the club registrations, finances and each team. This information is typically contact information such as name and address, telephone numbers etc, but also extends to player statistics, match reports and team lists.

PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON HEALTH FORMS IS NOT STORED ON COMPUTER: under the terms of the Data Protection Act, small clubs and societies do not have to register the information they store provided that they inform their membership of this activity and that the members do not object. If you have any objection to your personal information being held on computer, please write to the Club Secretary stating your objection and your information will be removed from the club's computers.

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