



## **South Pittsburgh Hockey Club (SPHC) Player Agreement and Participant Zero Tolerance Policy for 2025/2026**

### Player Agreement

- No swearing or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.
- No lashing out at any official no matter what the call is. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
- Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.
- Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting will result in an appearance before a Discipline Committee.
- There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco or use of illegal substance at any team function.
- Players will conduct his or herself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc.) during all team functions.
- Any player or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action, including suspension from hockey activities.
- Players are subject to all game rules established by USA Hockey, Mid-AM, and PAHL.
- Players shall abide by all rules established by the host rink, including measures adopted during a pandemic.
- Players shall not use the SPHC's likeness, name, or other representation to publish distasteful, obscene, or offensive material reflecting poorly on the SPHC on social media outlets, such as but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc.

### Player Zero Tolerance Policy

USA Hockey established a Zero Tolerance Policy to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants. Players shall not:

- Openly dispute or argue any decision by an official.
- Use obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
- Visually demonstrate any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision.

[ ] I have reviewed the below Player Agreement and Player Zero Tolerance Policy with the registering player, who agrees and will follow the Player Agreement and Player Zero Tolerance Policy. Violation of the Code of Conduct and/or Spectator Policy may result in suspension from team games and practices by SPHC.