

Eastern Connecticut State University Ice Hockey Constitution

Statement of Purpose

The mission of our team is to provide a competitive, fun, and safe atmosphere for players to engage in the game of ice hockey, and compete at a higher level with other schools, in a professional manner both on and off campus.

Statement of Conduct

As a student athlete at Eastern Connecticut State University, you are expected to represent yourself, your team, and Eastern with honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship academically, athletically and socially. You must recognize participation on an intercollegiate team is a privilege, not a right, and should be treated as such.

As a student athlete, you are often in the spotlight and your behavior is subject to scrutiny by your peers, members of the campus, the media, and the local community. Your actions may result in a generalization to all student athletes, your team, the athletics department and Eastern, be it positively or negatively.

All student athletes must comply at all times with civil and criminal laws, ACHA & NECHA laws, Eastern's Student Code of Conduct, the individual team rules established by your head coach, and all other institutional policies set forth by Eastern.

Team Membership

Membership into the team is open to all registered Eastern students.

All students that are signed up as a player are expected to participate in all team fundraisers and any other team sponsored events which will be decided by the E-Board. Failure to attend will result in an absence.

All players are expected to be at every practice. In the case of a player missing practice, the coaching staff will decide what actions to take for that player. Missing practice equates to an absence.

Each player is allowed 3 absences, having more than 3 results in removal from the team.

Membership shall also include a startup/player fee, to help the team purchase necessary jerseys and any other items that are deemed necessary for the entire team and not an individual.

The players on the team shall follow ECSU policies and conduct themselves in a responsible and professional manner at all times on the ice and off the ice.

Members must be eligible under the ACHA & NECHA guidelines. If a player fails to meet the guidelines, it is at the discretion of the coaching staff/E-Board to remove the player from the club.

Meetings

The club plays 1 season from October to March with around 20 games for the season. More games could be added with consultation by the coaching staff and E-Board.

Practices occur twice a week which are decided by the coaching staff and E-Board. Practices can be added or modified if deemed necessary. Failure to attend practice will result into an absence and count towards the 3 total absent policy.

Attendance at practice is required in order to play on game day unless excused by coaching staff.

Games are scheduled during the weekends and Friday Nights and players must be present at all games unless excused by coaching staff.

If a player misses these requirements, playing time will not be guaranteed and will be up to coaching staff.

Executive Board & Team Managers

President

- President is appointed by the team via a team vote.
- E-Board member must secure ice time for practice and home games, schedule games, attend all league meetings, and schedule all refs. The coach will help advise.
- Must prepare and attend all meetings and team events.
- have the power to call executive board meetings and all regular and special meetings of the organization
- sign all official papers related to the club (including financial paperwork in the absence of the treasurer or operations manager)
- appoint a temporary secretary to take minutes when the secretary is absent
- act as the spokesperson for the organization

Vice President

- assist the president with responsibilities as needed
- carry out the duties of the president in the absence of the president
- automatically assume the powers and duties of the President if the President resigns, if the office of President becomes vacant, or if the President is impeached
- coordinate all social functions of the organization
- serve as coordinator of all standing and ad hoc committees

Treasurer

- expend funds as authorized by the membership of the organization as indicated in the organization's minutes
- keep an accurate account of all receipts, membership dues, and expenditures of the organization
- complete, sign, and submit all financial paperwork

- submit a financial report
- keep track of the club's accounts, income, and expenditures
- give a Treasurer statement of balance at every meeting
- request financial assistance from the Student Government Association and Budget and Management Committee if needed
- be responsible for the organization complying with the policies and procedures set forth by the Student Activities office.

Secretary

- keep a proper record of all activities of the club, including the minutes of every meeting
- take attendance at all business meetings of the organization
- authenticate by his/her signature all records and documents of the organization
- carry on the official correspondence of the club; which will be signed by the president;
- give 72 hours of notice of all meetings
- distribute minutes within 48 hours of the meeting in accordance with the procedure set by the Student Activities Office.

Manager of Hockey Operations (Business Manager)

- Shall be the main contact for ACHA & NECHA.
- Shall be responsible for uploading scores after all home games and notify the league of results.
- Shall assist coaching staff when needed.
- Shall attend all games with team.
- Shall secure fundraising opportunities for the team.
- Manage game day operations such as facilitating all home games, publicizing all home games around campus, use Facebook page to market team, and other various tasks.
- Responsible for production of game day programs
- Shall be responsible for chartering buses for all away games.
- Shall be the liaison between the team and Student Activities Office.
- Shall collect all dues and fundraising monies.
- Shall supervise and delegate tasks to team managers.
- Position can be held by anyone on the team or ECSU student.

Team Managers

- The team or E-Board should be responsible for attaining team managers before every season.
- Team should have ideally 3-4 managers per season.
- Managers must be present at all home games; if they are not present, game could result in cancellation.
- A 1 week notice must be presented if a manager cannot make it to a game to the E-Board and coaching staff
- Team must have at least 2 managers for away games.

- Managers duties are to run scoreboard, manage score sheet, keep track of shots, run music for the game, run the front gate for game donations, fill water bottles, and other tasks appointed by the coaching staff.

*All members of the E-Board may assist any other members in their duties; captains can also assist in any paperwork, or other tasks done by the E-Board.

Captains

Captain

- Captain is appointed by the coaching staff on the basis of team leadership.
- Captain can/may preside over all E-Board meetings, but is not required to.
- E-Board member does not need to be a captain or assistant captain, but can be. Anyone who is able to meet the commitments as an E-Board member can be a member of the E-Board with voting approval.
- Serves until retirement, resignation, or removal. Captains are appointed every year.
- On ice communication with officials.
- Captains or E-Board member must secure ice time for practice and home games, schedule games, attend all league meetings, and schedule all refs. The coach will help advise.

Assistant Captains

- Assistant Captain(s) is appointed by the coaching staff on the basis of team leadership.
- Shall serve as on ice leaders as well as aids to the board members, enforcing tasks given to first year or young players, or giving moral support to teammates.
- On ice communication with officials.
- E-Board member does not need to be a captain or assistant captain, but can be. Anyone who is able to meet the commitments as an E-Board member can be a member of the E-Board with voting approval.

Elections

Elections for the E-Board will be held at the end of the season.

Team members may run in consecutive season or years.

A majority vote of team members is needed to win all offices.

Nomination shall be orally announced and followed by the acceptance of the nomination.

Voting shall be done by secret ballot.

Funds

The club will apply annually to the SGA for yearly fund to cover the cost of equipment, transportation, referees, rink time, and other costs.

The club will supplement SGA funding with the proceeds from its own fundraising.

Equipment/Uniforms

Each season each player is presented with a game jersey(s), shells, bags, etc. At the end of the season the players is required to return the jersey. If a jersey is lost, stolen, or damaged, the player must pay for a new jersey.

At all games, players must adhere to game day dress code. Dress code is a shirt and tie with dress pants or khakis.

Coach

Funds for the payment of the coach shall be budgeted by the club sports budget.

The coach shall have played hockey at a high level, and be considered a good teacher, manager, and leader.

The coach must establish a professional working relationship with the team through the captains.

NECHA Rules

GAME MISCONDUCT & GAME DISQUALIFICATION

Game Misconduct and Game Disqualification penalties have historically caused confusion among participants and the definitions below are to help provide a better understanding of requirements:

a. **GAME MISCONDUCT:** is defined as a major infraction of the rules in which the referee ejects a participant for the remainder of the game. NCAA rules state that any participant receiving a game misconduct is ejected for remainder of the game only.

NOTE: ACHA Rules requires that any participant receiving three (3)

Game Misconducts must sit out the next scheduled game after receiving the third Game Misconduct penalty.

b. **GAME DISQUALIFICATION:** A major infraction of the rules in which the referee ejects a participant for the remainder of the game and the next game on the official Master team schedule. Subject to progression rule (See Rule 6A below).

PROGRESSION RULE: A player or coach that receives a second game disqualification in the same season shall sit out the next two games listed on master schedule. Progressive suspension rule applies hereinafter (ex. third disqualification = three games, etc.). Second-time offenders may be reviewed by the NECHA Rules Committee and/or NECHA Commissioner and may be subject to further discipline, including suspension from NECHA play for the remainder of the season including the NECHA playoffs.

6b. It is the responsibility of the home team to notify the League Office of all game misconduct or disqualification penalties and game results in a timely manner following the event.

6c. The League office will notify the next NECHA opponent on the master schedule and inform them of sanctions. If a player or coach is found participating in a game during suspension further disciplinary action shall be applied including forfeit of game.

Ethical Behavior

As a student athlete, you are expected to exhibit a high level of self responsibility. Honesty, integrity and sportsmanship is what we expect out of every student. Therefore, you are expected to display a high level of personal character, including but not limited to:

Academic Honesty

An essential principle of all educational institutions is academic honesty. As a student at Eastern you will be expected to adhere to that principle. No form of cheating, plagiarism or acts of dishonesty on your part will be tolerated. Violations of this policy are considered very serious matters and are handled through the Office of Judicial Affairs. More information can be found within the Code of Conduct in the University Student Handbook on-line at <http://www.easternct.edu/ecs/docs/stuhandbk.pdf>.

Integrity

Personal integrity carries with it the ability to discern right from wrong and to make positive decisions related to your behavior. As a student athlete you should understand that there are consequences to both your actions and inaction (for example, when you fail to take action to protect the health and safety of a teammate). Purposely withholding information, lying (to protect yourself and/or a teammate), and/or trying to prevent the truth from being heard will be considered a serious breach of ethical behavior.

Social Media

Eastern Connecticut State University recognizes the use of social media as a viable means of communication and every individual's Constitutional right to free speech. Before participating in any online community, be aware anything you post (words, photos, images, etc.) is available for anyone to see, including prospective student athletes, parents, university personnel, prospective employers and media/press outlets.

You should also be aware material posted on-line is subject to review by the athletic administration and coaches. Anything you post in your online communities which is a violation of this code of conduct, team rules or Eastern's Student Code of Conduct is subject to disciplinary procedures. You will be held accountable for the content on your site, even if posted by another individual. Please note that any form of cyber-bullying, whereby you harass another individual through electronic means, will not be tolerated and also subject to inquiry and potential consequences.

You should always be mindful of your personal safety and the safety of your teammates and fellow student athletes. Therefore it is important to not post online any information that pertains to your team itineraries, practice schedule and/or planned recreational activities on any of your social media sites. Furthermore, personal information such as emails, cell numbers, and addresses should not be disclosed for public knowledge.

Media/Press

As a student athlete, you may be requested to speak with media outlets such as newspaper reporters, radio personalities, or others. Please remember at all times that when you speak on such occasions that you are doing so as a representative of Eastern Connecticut and the athletics department. You are encouraged to seek the assistance of your coaches and department personnel for learning more about methods of successful communication.

***Failure to comply with the statements listed above may result in:**

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense: Game(s) Suspension

Third Offense: Removal from team

Ratification/Amendment

Amendments must also be passed by 2/3 votes.

All changes to the Constitution must be approved by SGA Budget & Management Committee.

**Eastern Connecticut State University
Constitution Agreement**

Student Name: _____ Semester: _____

After careful review of the ECSU Ice Hockey Constitution, the following decision has been made. Your signature at the bottom of this document indicates you have read and reviewed this constitution and you agree to comply with everything that has been written.

Student Athlete's Signature

Date