



NHL STREET Prohibited Conduct Policy

It should be noted that all NHL STREET players, coaches, referees, staff, volunteers, recreation organization league operators, on or off field representatives and attendees/spectators are subject to this Prohibited Conduct Policy. Prohibited behaviors include harassment, sexual harassment, racial, religious, or national origin harassment, child sex abuse, sexual misconduct, emotional misconduct, physical misconduct, bullying and hazing. All adult participants have an obligation to cooperate in any investigation of a complaint of misconduct, including providing all information concerning the complaint. Failure to do so may be a direct violation of this Prohibited Conduct Policy. Any violation of this Prohibited Conduct Policy may subject the individual to disciplinary action and NHL STREET prohibits any retaliation against individuals making good faith reports of misconduct, including potential violations of this Prohibited Conduct Policy.

1. **Harassment** - repeated and/or severe conduct that causes fear, humiliation, or annoyance, offends or degrades, creates a hostile environment, or reflects discriminatory bias in an attempt to establish dominance, superiority or power over an individual or group based on age, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, national origin, or mental or physical disability; or any act or conduct described as harassment under federal or state law.
2. **Sexual Harassment** - any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favors, or other unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, whether verbal, non-verbal, graphic, physical, or otherwise. Sexual harassment can also include harassment related to gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, which may include acts of aggression, intimidation, or hostility, whether verbal or non-verbal, graphic, physical, or otherwise, even if the acts do not involve conduct of a sexual nature.
3. **Racial, Religious or National Origin Harassment** - includes any verbal, written or physical act in which race, religion, or national origin is used or implied in a manner which makes a reasonable person uncomfortable in the environment. Examples include but are not limited to: jokes, which include reference to race, religion or national origin; the display of objects or pictures which adversely reflect on a person's race, religion or national origin; or use of pejorative or demeaning language regarding a person's race, religion or national origin.
4. **Child Sexual Abuse** - any sexual activity with a child is prohibited. This includes sexual contact with a child that is accomplished by deception, manipulation, force, or threat of force, regardless of the age of the participants, and all sexual interactions between an adult and a child, regardless of whether there is deception, or the child understands the sexual nature of the activity.
5. **Sexual Misconduct** - any sexual interaction between an athlete and an individual with evaluative, direct, or indirect authority is prohibited. Such relationships involve an imbalance of power and are likely to impair judgment or be exploitative. This section does not apply to a pre-existing relationship between two spouses or life partners.
6. **Emotional Misconduct** - a pattern of deliberate, non- contact behavior that has the potential to cause emotional or psychological harm to another person. Non-contact behaviors include verbal acts, physical acts, or acts that deny attention or support; or any act or conduct described as emotional abuse or misconduct under federal or state law (e.g. child abuse, child neglect). Emotional misconduct does not include professionally accepted coaching methods of skill enhancement, physical conditioning, team building, appropriate discipline or improving athletic performance.
7. **Physical Misconduct** - is defined as contact or non-contact conduct that results in, or reasonably threatens to, cause physical harm to another person; or any act or conduct described as physical abuse or misconduct under federal or state law (e.g. child abuse, child neglect, assault). Physical misconduct does not include professionally accepted coaching methods of skill enhancement, physical conditioning, team building, appropriate discipline or improving athletic performance. For example, hitting and punching are well-regulated forms of contact in combat sports but have no place in hockey.
8. **Bullying** - intentional, persistent, and repeated pattern of committing or willfully tolerating physical and non- physical behaviors that are intended, or have the reasonable potential, to cause fear, humiliation or physical harm in an attempt to socially exclude, diminish or isolate the targeted athlete(s), as a condition of membership are prohibited. Bullying does not include professionally accepted group or team behaviors that (a) are meant to establish normative team behaviors, or (b) promote team cohesion.
9. **Hazing** - coercing, requiring, forcing, or willfully tolerating any humiliating, unwelcome or dangerous activity that serves as a condition for (a) joining a group, or (b) being socially accepted by a group's members are prohibited. Hazing does not include group or team activities that (a) are meant to establish normative team behaviors, or (b) promote team cohesion.