

## Ferguson Church of the Nazarene Adult Floor Hockey Code of Conduct

As a player in the Adult Floor Hockey League of the Ferguson Church of the Nazarene, I agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

1. The **Purpose** of the Adult Floor Hockey League is for the fellowship of believers that enables players to use our gifts and abilities “...for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:12) We aim to bring to life what Jesus said: “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35) Our actions should reflect this aim.
2. In all things we will be **kind and forgiving**, “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8
3. In the event that there is a **conflict**, we will first speak to the person with whom the conflict is with, then we will bring a friend to approach the person, and lastly, we will inform the Hockey Council of the conflict. We will not talk about the conflict with team mates or anyone else. Bad mouthing other players, coaches or referees spreads bitterness and is destructive to the spirit of the game. Let's hold each other accountable to follow these steps. “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church.” Matthew 18:15 -17
4. **Minor Penalties** include: High Sticking, Tripping, Hooking, Slashing and result in a two minute minor penalty. Only the team coach or captain may speak to the Referee, all others will receive a minor penalty. The lead referee's decision is binding.
5. **Major Penalties** include: Roughing, Checking, and Unsportsmanlike Behavior and result in a five minute penalty. In the event that a player commits more than one major penalty throughout the entire hockey season, they must appear before the Hockey Council, whose goal will be to restore peace and uncover any problems.
6. **Game Misconducts** include the use of profanity, disrespect, and serious unsportsmanlike conduct (i.e., throwing your stick). Violators must leave the facilities immediately and must appear before the Hockey Council before they can play again. Two misconducts are grounds for dismissal from the league.
7. Each player **MUST** call his/her coach if they cannot attend a game. After the second “no call no show” the player will be removed from roster.

*I understand this Code of Conduct and promise to uphold it. I further understand that we will all hold each other accountable to this Code as well as God's Word and God's Way. I will encourage others to follow this Code and “Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.” (Romans 14:19 NKJV)*

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Player's Signature

Date