

Substance Abuse Policy

With the best interest of its participants in mind, USA Hockey and the Music City Marauders prohibits use by any participant of alcohol, tobacco, smoking products or drugs during participation in its programs. Violation of this policy shall subject the participant to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or disqualification from membership.

DEFINITION

- For purposes of this policy, the word “alcohol” shall include: Intoxicating substances, including but not limited to alcohol, non-prescription or prescription substances when used in excess to produce the state of intoxication.
- For purposes of this policy, the words “drug” shall include the following: Any controlled substances, including non- prescription or prescribed substances when used in excess to produce the state of intoxication.
- For purposes of this policy, the words “tobacco and smoking products” shall include the following: E-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pens or other similar devices, dipping tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus or similar tobacco products not used for smoking, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, hookahs, water pipes or other similar tobacco smoking products.

DISCIPLINARY PROCESS & AGREEMENT FOR PLAYERS: Accordingly, any alleged violation of this policy by a participant shall be brought to the attention of the Board and/or the Disciplinary Committee who shall investigate the alleged violation. The Disciplinary Committee shall review the case and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors who will make the final decision as to the disciplinary action regarding the participant. For players, “program” extends to not only active ice hockey contests, but to any travel to or from, or games, camps, tryouts, scrimmages, clinics, practices, or other team events.

AGREEMENT FOR COACHES, PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS: The enjoyment of youth sports is something that can be damaged by the use of mood-altering substances. Therefore, the use of alcohol by parents before, during or after a Music City Marauders practice or game should be in moderation. Alcohol-related incidents at the rink will not be tolerated. Coaches will not use alcohol before games or practices.

*Adapted from the Annual Guide of USA Hockey 2020-21, Alcohol, Tobacco, Smoking Products and Drug Abuse.

