



## AAHA TAMPERING POLICY

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**Definition of Tampering:** Tampering shall mean the unauthorized contact (e.g. phone, in person, fax, correspondence, internet chat room, email, etc.) by a team representative (e.g. organization officer, manager, coach) directly or indirectly (by themselves or through another acting on their behalf) with member of another team after that player/parent have signed a Player Contract and/or the completion of USA Hockey National Championships, whichever shall occur last.

**Player:** Any Player under contract with a team, club or organization (“Contracted Player”) going on the ice with another team, club or organization (except high school, scholastic and dual rostered females) for any hockey-related activity, such as clinics, skill sessions, tryouts for spring/summer teams, etc. (“Hockey-Related Activity”) without the written consent of his then-current team, club or organization, will be ineligible to play for that team, club, organization or rink organization involved in the hockey-related activity.

**Coach:** Any coach making contact (e.g. phone, in person, fax correspondence, internet, chat room, email, etc.) directly or indirectly (by themselves or through another acting on their behalf) with the intent to solicit or entice a Contracted Player is guilty of tampering and shall be suspended for a minimum of one (1) month to a maximum of five (5) years unless coach has written approval from current in-season organization before end of season.

### CLINICS:

**Rink-Run Clinics:** Any player who is currently registered with a team in the Atlantic District may attend a “skills clinic” (such as power skating, goaltending, checking, shooting clinic) prior to the completion of USA Hockey’s National Championships if the skills clinic is run or sponsored by a rink and those teaching the clinic should be employees or associates of the rink.

**Other Clinics:** NO player currently registered with a team in the Atlantic District may attend a non-rink run clinic of ANY kind prior to the end of USA Hockey’s National Championships, specifically including, clinics run by any other team or organization or using any coaches from within any other organization unless the player provides to the operator of the clinic written permission signed by an unrelated officer of the player’s current organization prior to stepping on the ice.

### NOTES:

It is the responsibility of BOTH the player and the clinic operator/team to enforce these rules and each shall maintain a copy of the written permission and be prepared to produce it if required by the district.

For further clarification, please see AAHA Rules & Regulations Article XII – Tryouts; Section 106 & 107.