



## WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT RULES

Washington County Youth Hockey Association (WCYHA) members are subject to adhering to the Code of Conduct Rules (COC) which the Washington County Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors has created for all parents and players. As a member of WCYHA, all parents and players are expected to abide by the COC rules for players and parents. Failure to adhere to these rules will, at the discretion of the WCYHA Board, result in the scheduling of a mandatory disciplinary hearing in front of the WCYHA Board. Rulings made at this hearing are final. If you fail to appear at the hearing, repeat the offense and/or commit another offense, the WCYHA BOD may remove you and/or your child from participating in this association. WCYHA will also support any ruling made by WAHA (in addition to WCYHA's BOD ruling) should you be called to appear before the rules and discipline committee of WAHA.

**ZERO TOLERANCE: WCYHA follows the USA Hockey zero tolerance policy. Any player, parent or coach who conducts themselves in a manner found to be detrimental to the welfare of this association may be removed from participating in this association temporarily or permanently.**

### **WCYHA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT (parent/s must read and sign below):**

- I will be supportive of our team and my child's teammates acknowledging the honest effort given by them in both win and loss scenarios. I will encourage my child to follow the player code of conduct and to play by the rules. I understand that I am the best example for my child of how to behave.
- I will teach my child good sportsmanship and emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child.
- I understand that the games are for my child, not me. Therefore, I will remember at all times the importance of skill development over my personal desire to win.
- I will avoid saying or doing anything which will hurt, degrade or insult any player, coach or official. I will not embarrass my child by yelling negative remarks at my child, other players, coaches or officials during practices or games. Rather, I will maintain a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants so that my child will benefit from his or her youth hockey experience. I will reinforce the positive points of the game and work toward removing physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- I will refrain from criticizing the job done by the officials and set an example of good sportsmanship for my child. I will study and know the rules of the game; supporting the decisions of the coaches and officials on and off the ice.
- I will refrain from criticizing the job done by the coaching staff and recognize the importance of volunteer coaches to the development of my child and the sport. I acknowledge that the coaches are not babysitters. I understand that I am ultimately responsible for the actions of my child during all hockey events. I know that my child represents WCYHA during all hockey events.
- I understand that I am representing the Washington County Youth Hockey Association as well and as such, my actions must be exemplary at all games, practices, travel tournaments and anywhere else that I represent WCYHA.
- I agree to follow the association's 24 hour rule. When I have an issue which needs to be discussed with a coach, I agree to wait 24 hours after an event before contacting that coach in person, by phone or by email.
- If I have a concern which I am unable to resolve with our coach (after observing the 24 hour rule), I will contact the appropriate Board Member from the WCYHA Contact List on the association's website list at [www.wcyha.org](http://www.wcyha.org).
- If I am ever asked by an official or rink personnel to leave an ice rink at any USA Hockey sanctioned event due to my behavior, I will report the circumstances of the event within 24 hours of the occurrence to the association's President at [President@wcyha.org](mailto:President@wcyha.org).

As a parent of a Washington County Youth Hockey Association youth hockey player, I hereby promise to abide by the parental code of conduct and ethics set forth above. My signature below indicates that I agree to follow the parental code of conduct and will accept the WCYHA BOD's disciplinary decision should I break any of the above rules.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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