



West Madison Polar Caps Parent's Code of Conduct

Philosophy: The West Madison Polar Caps Youth Hockey Association (WMPC) is a private organization which emphasizes the development of basic hockey skills and the promotion of hockey as an enjoyable recreational activity as well as competition. Our philosophy is to emphasize individual participation by providing relatively equal attention to players during practices and relatively equal playing time in scheduled games, EXCEPT when an individual member does not participate in scheduled practice sessions, demonstrates attitudes or conduct not

conducive to good team morale, displays unsafe or dangerous conduct and/or is being disciplined by the coach.

All players and parents are ambassadors on behalf of the WMPC and USA Hockey both on and off the ice. We are all committed to act as a group of class individuals at the ice rink, when travelling to tournaments, at hotels, at other rinks and in the locker room. It is our mission to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all involved and AT ALL TIMES.

Parents/Guardians

- I will provide positive support and encouragement for my skater and emphasize the importance of achieving common goals through teamwork.
- I understand that club evaluators try to be as fair as possible and will support their team placement decisions to my player and other parents.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my skater ahead of my personal desire to win. I will remember that the game is for youth - not adults - and will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child and all WMPC players.
- I will not confuse players by countermmanding the coaches' instructions. I will follow team rules regarding arrival times, attendance, etc.
- I will be a respectful fan and encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, parents and officials at every practice, game, or other youth hockey event. I will treat other players, coaches, parents, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability. I will refrain from criticism of referee decisions. I will set an example and conduct myself in a way that reflects positively on the skaters, WMPC and other parents.
- I understand the people active in WMPC are unpaid volunteers. I will support the hockey program and become involved to whatever extent I am able.
- I understand the items listed above extend to all Social Media.

When parents violate these rules and/or disrupt team activities, the Age-Level Coordinators and the Board of Directors will enforce the Code of Conduct according to the following guidelines:

1. First offense - The Age-Level Coordinator shall speak with the parent and others who witnessed the incident and then talk with the parent and/or write a letter of reprimand:
2. Second Offense - The parent shall appear before the Board to explain the incident and be suspended from all games and practices for a month.
3. Third Offense - The parent shall be suspended from all practices and games for the balance of the season.
4. Fourth Offense - The parent shall be suspended indefinitely from all WMPC participation.

Note that violating the Code of Conduct is cumulative so that violations from prior years do carry forward to the current year. Repeated and/or dangerous actions may be referred directly to the Board for accelerated action. When continued disregard for the rules seriously disrupts club and/or team activities or behavior is determined to be dangerous or extremely disruptive to others, the Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate club membership.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

DATE: _____