



WYHA Player Code of Conduct

Wildcat Youth Hockey supports the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance policy as it relates to conduct by coaches, players, parents, and fans in the sport of youth hockey. It is our hope that by enforcing this policy, everyone has a pleasant youth athletic experience.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

(To be reviewed and signed (at the beginning of season team meeting) by skaters and parents as a member of a WYHA team, participating in USA Hockey for the current season.)

1. No swearing or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.
2. No lashing out at any official no matter what the call is. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
3. Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.
4. Fighting will not be tolerated.
5. There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco or use of illegal substances at any team function.
6. I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc.) during all team functions.
7. There will be no Horseplay in the locker rooms or any area of the rink. This includes throwing objects, fighting, pushing, wrestling, etc.
8. Show respect at all times:
 - No derogatory comments or Hazing
 - No Ethnic, Racial, Sexual comments or behavior.
 - No Profanity or Profane gestures.
 - Be ready on time for practice and games.
 - Listen to coaches and parents when addressed individually or as a group.
 - Keep areas clean - pick up trash in locker rooms and other areas
 - Players will be held responsible for any destruction of property.
 - Do not take items that do not belong to you, give them to a coach or parent.
9. Don't linger in the locker rooms. The Locker Room is a place to get ready, to learn, or a place to get dressed.
10. No cell phone cameras, mp3 cameras, video or camera equipment of any kind in the locker room. Locker rooms are for changing - not taking pictures. Players who take pictures in the locker room are subject to suspension.
11. In the presence of members of the opposite sex, all undergarments need to be covered. If a skater needs to change to anything less than this, it must be done where no members of the opposite sex are present (i.e. Bathroom).

Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary actions or sanctions that include, but are not limited to: verbal reprimands, written reprimands, games suspensions, season suspensions, and (in extreme cases) termination from the WYHA with no refund for season fees. Recommendations on any violations will come from the Head Coach. Individual appeals will be conducted following the WYHA Appeal Procedure

USA HOCKEY ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior, and Senior Councils have instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, league officials and administrators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey sanctioned events. Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all on-ice referees and linesman:

Players

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision.

Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues with such action.

Coaches

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
3. Visually displays any signs of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players, or spectators.

Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

WYHA Extensions

The above constitutes the USA Hockey "Zero Tolerance" policy in its entirety. WYHA extends the policy to include parents and spectators at WYHA events. Should a parent or spectator violate the above standards, their team may be assessed a bench minor for unsportsmanlike conduct. Should the parent or spectator persist in such actions, the game may be halted until they can be removed from the rink.

In addition, WYHA will investigate all situations involving parent/fan violations of the "Zero Tolerance Policy". If the situation was found to be a violation of the policy, a warning letter will be issued from the Board of Directors to the offending person or persons. This letter will outline the offense and stipulate possible consequences for any further violations. These stipulations could include, but are not limited to, verbal reprimands, written reprimands, games suspensions, season suspensions, and (in extreme cases) termination from the WYHA with no refund for season fees. Individual appeals will be conducted following the WYHA Appeal Procedure.

Player Signature: _____

Player Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____

Parent1 Signature: _____ Parent2 Signature: _____

Parent1 Name (Printed): _____ Parent2 Name (Printed): _____

Date: _____

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