

Code of Conduct

Cheyenne Capitals Youth Hockey Association Player and Parent Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct provides the player, parent, managers, and coaches a common reference regarding the expectations of ones conduct. All determinations regarding conduct and consequences thereof are at the sole discretion of the CCYHA Board of Directors, Disciplinary Committee, and the coaching staff. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to a fun, successful, and exciting season.

1. I/we understand that my/our child has paid to LEARN the skills and concepts associated with the sport of ice hockey and that I/we have not paid for guaranteed playing time for my/our child. The CCYHA coaching staff is committed to developing ALL player's skills and when a player EARNS the right to play in certain situations that player will see playing time at the coaches' discretion.

2. Coaching is not a science and all coaches will make decisions that are both popular and unpopular. I/we believe that every member of the CCYHA coaching staff acts in the best interest of the team and the best interest of each and every player on the team. I/we may not agree with every decision the coach makes, but I/we will respect those decisions and act accordingly.

3. I/we are responsible for my/our child's conduct at all team functions.

4. In the event I/we have concerns or questions about my/our child's status with regards to his/her team, I/we will follow the process described below in order to better understand the situation:

a. No discussion is to take place relating to coaching decisions for a minimum of 24 hours following a practice or 24 hours following the conclusion of a tournament or WAHL weekend at which the incident(s) up for discussion has taken place as prescribed by USA Hockey.

b. Parents will communicate with the team manager in an effort to set up a meeting with the coach and/or board/disciplinary committee.

c. The team manager will direct all parent concerns to the team head coach. The head coach, at his/her discretion, may respond directly to the parent or through the team manager.

d. The coaches are not obligated to explain or defend their decisions, philosophies, or determinations. Topics such as playing time, line combinations, and positions are not up for argument.

e. Should any issue remain unresolved, any person may direct their concerns, in writing via email, to the board president and Coach-in-chief.

f. In the event a parent removes a player from a competition site during a competition for non-medical reason and without the approval of the head coach, CCYHA will consider the player to have resigned without refund from CCYHA.

5. I/we fully recognize that I/we are role models to all players in the USA Hockey and CCYHA programs and will conduct ourselves within the rules and guidelines established by USA Hockey, WAHL, WAHA, and CCYHA. If we do not behave in a manner consistent with the sportsmanship and professionalism USA Hockey and CCYHA demand from their players and coaches, we may be asked to refrain from attending future practices and games. Verbal abuse of the coach(s), player(s), referee(s), or any staff members at any rink is strictly prohibited, will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary measures. I/we will refrain from excessive yelling, communicating, and/or coaching my/our child during practices and games. I/we will not engage in any negative comments to any individual player or coach.

6. All practices are mandatory. I/we will make every reasonable effort to have my/our child attend all the scheduled practices and games. In the event my/our child cannot attend a practice or game, the team manager and/or head coach must be notified.

7. Parents and players are to agree that playing ice hockey is a privilege. Parents may feel it is appropriate to limit their child's participation in ice hockey activities if responsibilities such as school work or family matters are not being met. Parents should communicate in advance with the head coach and/or the manager to inform them of their child's upcoming absence or other commitment.

8. CCYHA players must be enrolled in school 12th grade and below (public, home, private, online)* or may apply to be on a CCYHA team via waiver approved by the head coach and the board.

9. Players in grades 7 and above will follow the following eligibility rules: Players will bring a grade report to the coach on the first practice of each week. Any player with an F on his/her grade report will be on probation for one week. The 2nd week a player has an F on his/her grade report, the player will be ineligible for that week. A player must have no F's for a week to come off the ineligible list. Ineligible means a player may not play in WAHL or tournament games. *Players granted a waiver from section 8 are not required to submit grade reports.

10. Parents are not allowed in the player's locker room at any time unless permission to be there has been granted by the coaching staff. (Exception – U8 players who need help getting dressed). Each team is responsible for their locker room and its condition. Trash, cups, equipment, etc must be picked up before leaving. The locker room must be kept in an orderly condition at home and away events. Any damage found before or after using the locker room must be reported to the front desk immediately.

11. Any player who is found to be in possession of or uses illegal narcotics, alcohol, tobacco, unauthorized prescription medication, steroids, or any other "mood altering" substances as defined in the USA Hockey Annual Guide Policy "F", shall be immediately suspended from all CCYHA activities pending a hearing which may, in its judgment, expel the player from the club.

12. Any player who earns a fighting penalty will automatically receive a 2 game suspension following the game in which the penalty was earned. Any player earning a second fighting penalty will automatically receive a 4 game suspension. Any player earning a third fighting penalty will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

13. Fighting in practice or at team functions will be subject to practice/game suspension at the discretion of the coach. A second offense will require an appearance before the disciplinary committee.

14. Any player who receives two game misconduct penalties in a season must appear before the disciplinary committee. Additional disciplinary action may occur.

15. Coaching staff may temporarily suspend a player from practices or games. Any suspension must have documentation sent to the discipline committee chair. If a player receives two temporary suspensions, the player must appear before the disciplinary committee. Any permanent suspensions must go before the disciplinary committee.

15. I agree to abide by all USA Hockey rules.

I have read and understood the CCYHA Player and Parent Code of Conduct. I understand a complete copy of the above can be found on the website at www.cheyennehockey.com. I also understand that all USA Hockey, WAHA, and WAHL rules are available on the appropriate websites.

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