

WHA Parent Code of Conduct

Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sports. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.

- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice – it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them. The period immediately following a game can be an emotional time for players, coaches and parents. If you wish to voice a concern or complaint about a coaching decision, a particular player or a game, you will wait at least 24 hours to address the issue with the WHA Coaching Committee or the Director of your level.
- Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey – and volunteer.
- Follow USA Hockey's Spector's Code of Conduct
 - Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
 - Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
 - Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
 - Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
 - Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing any items on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials.
 - Do not lean over or pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.
 - Support the referees and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
 - Be responsible for your own safety – be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
 - Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
 - Be supportive after the game – win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

I understand that if I break the Code of Conduct I will be subject to disciplinary action by the WHA Disciplinary Committee/USA Hockey. **You have my commitment.**

PLAYER (print name): _____ Date: _____

PARENT (print name): _____ Parent Signature: _____

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