



Player Name \_\_\_\_\_

Division & Team \_\_\_\_\_

## VERONA WILDCATS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PLAYER AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The philosophy of the Association is to emphasize individual participation by providing relatively equal attention to player during practices and relative equal playing time in scheduled games. This philosophy does not apply, however, when an individual team member has not participated in scheduled practice sessions, demonstrates attitudes or displays conduct not conducive to good team morale or sportsmanship, or is being disciplined by the coach.

All players, parents/guardians and coaches are expected to maintain and demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout their association with Verona Hockey. Practice and play hard, support your team, accept the outcome and have fun!

### SCOPE OF RULES

This Code of Conduct shall apply and be in force at any Team Event, to include practices, games, tournament weekends, and any other team organized activity. This Code of Conduct will also apply any time a player or parent is on the grounds of the Verona Ice Arena or is a guest of any other player at another team's Team Event.

Tier I, II, and III Rules shall apply to all players, while Parent Expectations shall apply to all parents, legal guardians, and other guests of a player. It is the responsibility of the parents or legal guardians to ensure all guests follow our parent expectations at any Team Event.

### PLAYER TIER I RULES

Use of alcohol, tobacco, controlled or illegal substances is prohibited.

Violation of this rule will automatically result in immediate suspension until a Disciplinary Committee determines appropriate action, subject to review by the Board of Directors.

### PLAYER TIER II RULES

Unlawful and/or unacceptable conduct is prohibited, including:

- A. Any deliberate abuse or damage of equipment, buildings or rink facilities at home or on the road, or of any facility hosting a Team Event.
- B. Theft from teammates or from any player, parents/spectators, a facility hosting a Team Event, or anyone else associated with a Team Event.

- C. Fighting or abusive behavior towards teammates, opponents, coaches, referees, parents/spectators, or anyone else associated with a Team Event.
- D. Any other law violations or conduct referred by Head Coach as equivalent behavior to above, including repeated and/or excessive violations of Tier III Rules.

Investigation and enforcement of Tier II rules will be by the appropriate Age-Level Director or his/her designee, subject to review by a Disciplinary Committee and the Board of Directors. Upon any finding of a Tier II rules violation by a player with a prior finding of a Tier II rules violation, the Age-Level Director shall refer the matter to a Disciplinary Committee for action, subject to review by the Board of Directors.

Appropriate discipline for Tier II violations will include, but not be limited to, game suspensions of 1-3 games. In determining the severity of discipline, the Age-Level Director may consider the seriousness of the rule violation, impact of the behavior on the team and association, any history of rules violations by the player, and any other relevant information.

### PLAYER TIER III RULES

Personal conduct:

- A. Players are to display a positive attitude and good sportsmanship, and give their best effort at all practices and games.
- B. Players will not swear, taunt, make derogatory remarks, or display disrespectful conduct toward players, coaches or officials on or off the ice.
- C. Players are to follow team rules and the directions of coaches and officials promptly and without complaint.
- D. Players are to attend all games and practices. If unable to attend, a player should notify the coach ahead of time.
- E. Players are to follow all rules of Verona Ice Arena, any away rink facilities, hotels, and any other facility hosting a team event.
- F. A player will be prohibited from participation if suspended from school or truant.

Investigation and enforcement of Tier III rules will be by the Head Coach or his/her designee if the Head Coach is not present, subject to review by the appropriate Age Level Director, a Disciplinary Committee, and the Board of Directors.

Head Coaches will have broad discretion in enforcement of Tier III rules, to include loss of practice or game time, exclusion from off-ice team activities, or other appropriate discipline. In determining the severity of discipline, the coach may consider the seriousness of the rule violation, impact of the behavior on the team and association, any history of rules violations by the player, and any other relevant information.

## PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- A. Parents are to make every effort to ensure their player understands and follows the Player Code of Conduct Rules and consequences for violations.
- B. Parents are to encourage good sportsmanship by displaying positive support for all players, coaches, and officials.
- C. Parents will not swear, taunt, make derogatory remarks, or display disrespectful conduct towards players, coaches, officials, or other spectators and parents on or off the ice.
- D. Parents are to follow all rules of Verona Ice Arena, any away rink facilities, hotels, and any other facility hosting a team event.

Violations of the Parent Expectations may result in warnings, suspension from attendance at a game or specified number of games and practices, suspension from attendance at games and practices for the remainder of the season, permanent suspension from the Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association, or any other appropriate action as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

In any case where a parent, guardian, or other guest of a player is ejected from a rink by a referee or rink staff due to improper behavior before, during, or after a Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association event, that person will have a minimum of an additional one game suspension enforced immediately. Additional disciplinary action may be enforced pursuant to these rules.

Investigation and enforcement of Parent Expectations will be by the appropriate Age Level Director subject to review by a Disciplinary Committee and the Board of Directors. Any suspension, beyond an automatic one game suspension for an ejection from a rink, must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

## GENERAL

All suspensions related to Tier I or Tier II rules violations will be served at the next regularly scheduled game or tournament. When suspended from a game for Tier I or Tier II rules violations, a player is also suspended from practice until all game suspensions are completed. Suspensions or loss of practice/game time related to Tier III violations will be in a manner and at a time determined by the Head Coach or his/her designee.

The Age Level Director may refer any disciplinary matter deemed by him/her to warrant more serious consequences or for any other reason directly to a Disciplinary Committee or the Board of Directors.

In any review conducted by a Disciplinary Committee, the committee may impose the following, subject to review by the Board of Directors:

- A. Suspension from a game or specified number of games.

- B. Any other discipline allowed in these rules to be imposed by an Age-Level Director or a Head coach.

In any review conducted by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may impose the following:

- A. Any other discipline allowed in these rules to be imposed by a Disciplinary Committee.
- B. Suspension for the remainder of the hockey season, with reinstatement for the following season only with approval of the Board of Directors.
- C. Permanent suspension from the Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association.
- D. Any other appropriate action as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

\_\_\_\_\_ Player Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_