

WYHA Policy on Charitable Giving

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PURPOSE

The Wayzata Youth Hockey Association (WYHA) recognizes the importance of community involvement and supporting charitable causes. As an organization, we aim to foster a spirit of giving and civic responsibility, but we also believe in maintaining fairness, neutrality, and respect for all charitable efforts. This policy outlines the Association's approach to charitable giving, ensuring that individual teams and members have the freedom to participate in charitable activities while maintaining the integrity and impartiality of WYHA as a whole.

POLICY OVERVIEW

WYHA does not encourage or discourage charitable giving. Each team, player, and family is free to donate their time, resources, or financial contributions to any charitable cause of their choosing. We support individual discretion and autonomy when it comes to philanthropy.

However, to protect the integrity of WYHA and to avoid any perception of favoritism or undue influence, we have established the following guidelines:

1. Team Charitable Activities:

- Teams within WYHA may engage in charitable activities, including volunteering, donations, and fundraising. Each team is empowered to choose the causes they wish to support based on the collective interests of the team members and their families.
- Team leaders should ensure that all charitable activities are voluntary and that participants are not pressured to contribute time, resources, or funds.

2. Respect for All Charities:

- WYHA does not favor any specific charity, cause, or organization. It is crucial that the association avoids any perception of preferential treatment, either by the organization or by individual teams or members.
- All charitable endeavors, whether driven by a team, a family, or an individual, must be carried out with the understanding that WYHA is neutral and does not promote or endorse any particular charity.

3. Use of Family Contact Information:

- Under no circumstances will WYHA provide or share family contact information, including email addresses, for the purpose of soliciting donations.
- This is to ensure the privacy and safety of our families, as well as to prevent any perceived obligation to participate in unsolicited charitable campaigns.

4. Communication of Charitable Opportunities:

- Information regarding charitable events or causes may be shared with the broader association, but it must be done in a way that is neutral and inclusive.
- Any communication related to charitable activities must be distributed through approved channels and must ensure that there is no pressure on members to participate or contribute.

5. Non-Solicitation:

- WYHA will not facilitate or support any direct solicitation of funds from players, families, or volunteers. All charitable efforts are voluntary, and no solicitation will be allowed during Association activities or through Association channels.

CONCLUSION

The Wayzata Youth Hockey Association encourages a culture of giving and community involvement, but we do so in a way that maintains fairness, respect for all charitable causes, and the privacy of our members. By adhering to this policy, we ensure that each family and team can make their own charitable decisions without undue influence or pressure.