



## WONDERLAND WIZARDS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (WWYHA)

### Player Code of Conduct

1. Respect your coaches, referees, and opponents at all times, no swearing or abusive language on or off the ice.
2. Coaches will deal with referees—that is their job. Your job is to play hockey the best you can.
3. Respect the rink (home or away); you are representing the Wonderland Wizards.
4. There will be no drinking, smoking, vaping, chewing tobacco, or use of illegal substances at any team function.
5. I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc.) during all team functions. This includes no littering and/or unacceptable behavior within a facility.
6. Teammates:
  - Support and encourage them. Do not blame bad plays or lost games on them. We will all make mistakes and learn from them.
  - Respect your peers and their belongings. Equipment is not to be thrown around or into garbage cans.
7. No bullying. Bullying means one person or group of people doing hurtful things on purpose repeatedly to another person. These hurtful things can be done by:
  - **Saying or writing mean things**
    - For example: teasing, name-calling, put-downs, or mimicking others.
  - **Social (hurting someone's reputation or relationships)**
    - For example: intentionally excluding someone, spreading rumors, or embarrassing someone in front of other people.
  - **Physical**
    - For example: hitting, kicking, tripping, pushing, and breaking/destroying another person's property.

8. USA Hockey and Wonderland Wizards have a zero-tolerance policy on bullying and it will be strictly enforced. (Review the WWYHA Locker Room and Anti-Bullying Policy for further information.)
9. Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, texting, etc.) can be used to commit abuse, bullying, emotional or sexual harassment, and hazing. Such communications by any WWYHA player will not be tolerated and are considered violations of USA Hockey's SafeSport Program. Any social media use, as it pertains to the WWYHA and its members, must be respectful. (Review the WWYHA Locker Room and Anti-Bullying Policy for further information.)

#### **10. Player Group Chats and Digital Communication**

WWYHA recognizes that players may communicate through group text messages, messaging apps, and other online group chats. While WWYHA cannot prohibit players from creating or participating in these chats, we strongly encourage that team-related group chats be limited to hockey-related communication, such as team events, scheduling, travel, and other team activities.

Player group chats must never be used to bully, harass, intimidate, exclude, embarrass, spread rumors, or otherwise target teammates, coaches, officials, parents, or other members of the hockey community. Inappropriate language, discriminatory comments, hazing, or any behavior that violates this Code of Conduct or USA Hockey SafeSport policies is strictly prohibited, regardless of whether the communication occurs on or off the ice.

WWYHA reserves the right to investigate reports of inappropriate conduct occurring in player group chats. If it is determined that a group chat has been used for bullying, harassment, or other inappropriate behavior, disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with this Player Code of Conduct.

11. Players will not use vulgar or profane language, racial, ethnic, or gender-related slurs toward teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, or spectators.

#### **12. Practices and Games:**

- Be on time.
- Give 100% effort each and every shift or drill.
- Practices are meant for learning, not horseplay.
- Fighting during practices and games will not be permitted.
- Wear the required equipment to all practices and games.
- Always display good sportsmanship, on and off the ice.
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

13. Players who receive a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.

14. Know the rules of the game and abide by them.

15. I will abide by the rules my coaches and team managers set.
16. Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting will result in an appearance before a Disciplinary Committee.
17. Do not be afraid to make mistakes; that's part of learning and developing.
18. We will have fun and develop into better hockey players.

**Below outlines the WWYHA guidelines for offenses of this Player Code of Conduct.**

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS – MINOR INFRACTIONS**

Procedures for dealing with minor infractions shall be informal and determined by the coaching staff. The player being disciplined must be told the nature of the infraction and must have an opportunity to provide information concerning the incident. Depending on the age of the player, the player's parent(s) may also be notified. The WWYHA Director of Rules and Discipline\* should be notified of the incident. Discipline could include actions such as benching for a shift(s), period, or a full game.

Examples of Minor Infractions: (not limited to these)

- A single incident of disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist, or sexist comments or behavior directed toward others (peers, opponents, athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, etc.).
- Unsportsmanlike conduct such as angry outbursts or arguing.
- A single or secondary incident of being late or absent from events or activities without notification or reason.
- Minor inappropriate conduct in a player group chat or on social media.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS – MAJOR INFRACTIONS**

Disciplinary actions for major infractions are determined by the WWYHA Board, with input from the coaching staff and the WWYHA Director of Rules and Discipline\*. Written documentation of the infraction and subsequent recommended disciplinary action must be supplied to the WWYHA Board and the player and player's parents. The player has the opportunity to provide written information concerning the incident to the WWYHA Board. Discipline could include benching for game(s), suspension from practices/games for a period of time, up to and including permanent removal of the player from the WWYHA program with no refund.

Examples of Major Infractions: (not limited to these)

- Repeated incidents of disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist, or sexist comments or behavior directed toward others (peers, opponents, athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, etc.).
- Repeated unsportsmanlike conduct such as angry outbursts or arguing.

- Repeated incidents of being late or absent from events or activities where attendance is required.
- Pranks, jokes, fighting, hazing, or other activities that endanger the safety of others.
- Consumption of alcohol, illicit drugs, or use of narcotics.
- Any acts of vandalism or theft.
- Using social media, text messages, or player group chats to bully, harass, threaten, intimidate, intentionally exclude, embarrass, spread rumors about, or otherwise target another player, coach, official, parent, or member of the WWYHA community.

#### AGREEMENT OF PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Please return to your Team Manager before your first game.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*WWYHA VP of Rules and Discipline: JR Bria