

Watertown Youth Hockey Caretakers Code of Conduct

Participation in Watertown Youth Hockey is a privilege, and everyone associated with the program, including coaches, players, caregivers and spectators will be held responsible/accountable to meet appropriately high but attainable standards of conduct that ensure a safe, healthy, positive, supportive and enjoyable developmental environment for all participants.

The caregivers of Watertown Youth Hockey are invaluable stakeholders in our program and are encouraged to actively engage and provide the support, supervision and feedback necessary to support the program in producing good future adult citizens and hockey players in a safe, healthy, and positive environment.

They are critical to maximizing and improving our program's potential and their thoughtful feedback will be respected and appreciated.

- Caregivers will introduce yourself to your player's coach and establish and work to maintain a persistent and positive and mutually respectful dialogue that supports player and program development.
- Caregivers will ensure their players arrive at the rink on time (at least 15 minutes prior to practice/game), fully equipped, dressed, well-rested, well-nourished and hydrated and ready to play. Communication is key.
- Caregivers are required to confirm participation 48 hours prior to practices and games in CrossBar.
- Caregivers will be primarily responsible for supporting their player with dressing themselves, hygiene and health and safety issues.
- Caregivers will notify WYH personnel of any issues or unique challenges needed to support the individual needs of your player.
- Caregivers will set a good example by addressing WYH personnel, other Caregivers, spectators, and JAR rink personnel in a respectful, tactful and polite manner that avoids and deescalates the potential for disputes.
- Caregivers will make every reasonable effort to attend and supervise practices and games and observe and monitor behavior and interactions of their players with their coaches.
- Caregivers when addressing specific issues and concerns with WYH personnel, will extend them the reasonable benefit of the doubt and exercise thoughtful judgment to ensure communications are appropriately, tactful, respectful, constructive and supportive and not reactionary, inflammatory and damaging.
- Caregivers will immediately make coaches aware of any issues related to health, hygiene or safety.
- Any unresolved issues between caregivers and coaches will be reported to the Safe Sport Representative for review.

Caregiver behavioral issues that coaches deem disruptive and detrimental to the team/program will be escalated to the Safe Sport Representative for review and will be considered a “strike” and escalated to the full Board of Directors for resolution.

Persistent and serious unresolved behavioral issues i.e. (three “strikes”) will result in a Board of Director’s review for determination if the caregivers conduct warrants remediation or dismissal from the program.

I have read and understand my responsibilities and acknowledge that my participation in the Watertown Youth Hockey Program is contingent upon my fulfilling the obligations of this Player Code of Conduct.

Caregiver Name

Caregiver’s Signature