<u>Players Code of Conduct</u>

The Watertown Youth Hockey Player Code of Conduct is based on a progressive discipline model with coaches only asserting the minimal appropriate level of discipline necessary to gain an acceptable level of player compliance, including verbal warnings and brief **"think about it"** periods to allow players to sufficiently reset themselves mentally and emotionally to resume participation.

- Incidental contact and collisions at the youth hockey level are inevitable, but on and off the ice, the intentional striking or takedown of another player using any part of the body or equipment is prohibited.
- Bullying, teasing, taunting, heckling, taunting, mocking or belittling behaviors of a physical, verbal, or non-verbal nature are prohibited.
- Shooting pucks at other players is prohibited.
- Off-ice puck handling and banging of sticks is prohibited.
- On-ice wrestling and horse play elevate the potential risk of serious injury from skate lacerations and are prohibited.
- Horseplay is prohibited.
- U8 players should not be on the bench prior to practice. (all players)
- Taking the ice before clearance by the coaches is prohibited.
- The throwing of objects is prohibited.
- Arguing with coaches is prohibited.
- Any other behaviors not listed, but identified by coaches as a safety issue or conduct detrimental to instruction and development is prohibited.
- Players will review the codes of conduct with their coach and caregivers and sign their code of conduct prior to the end of the first week of practice.

Persistent behavioral issues that coaches deem disruptive and detrimental to the team/program will be escalated to the Safe Sport Representative for review will be considered a "strike" with escalation to the full Board of Directors who will determine if a player's misconduct warrants a practice or game suspension

Persistent and serious unresolved behavioral issues (three "strikes) will result in a Board of Director's review and determination if the player's conduct warrants remediation or dismissal from the program

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Caregiver Name   Caregiver's Signature

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Player Initials