

# WESTCHESTER VIPERS

## WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

2025– 2026 SEASON

### WESTCHESTER VIPERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AND WESTCHESTER SKATING ACADEMY AND ANY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION

In consideration for my child's participation in a program or activity of the Westchester Vipers Hockey Association ("WVHA") the undersigned, as a parent or guardian for such participant and on his or her behalf, acknowledge and agrees as follows:

1. I ACKNOWLEDGE AND FULLY AGREE THAT MY CHILD WILL BE ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES THAT INVOLVE RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY AND DEATH, AND SEVERE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES WHICH MIGHT RESULT NOT ONLY FROM MY CHILD'S ACTIONS, INACTIONS, OR NEGLIGENCE, BUT ALSO FROM THE ACTION, INACTION, OR NEGLIGENCE OF OTHERS, THE RULES OF PLAY OR THE CONDITION OF THE PREMISES OR COMPETITION AREA OR ANY EQUIPMENT USED. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS NOT KNOWN TO ME OR MY CHILD OR NOT REASONABLY FORESEEABLE AT THIS TIME.
2. I AGREE THAT PRIOR TO MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY SPONSORED BY THE WVHA I OR MY CHILD WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE A COACH, OFFICIAL, WVHA OFFICER OR RINK OFFICIAL OF ANY ACTUAL OR POTENTIALLY UNSAFE CONDITION OF WHICH I OR MY CHILD HAS NOTICE.
3. I AND MY CHILD UNDERSTAND THAT BY PARTICIPATING IN ANY ACTIVITY OR PROGRAM OF WSA WE ARE ASSUMING ALL OF THE FOREGOING RISKS.
4. I, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY CHILD, AND OUR FAMILY, RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE WESTCHESTER SKATING ACADEMY, WVHA, THEIR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS, THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, COACHES AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES USED TO CONDUCT THE EVENT, ALL OF WHICH ARE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "RELEASEES" FROM DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE, OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, OR ANY ONE OF THEM, OR OTHERWISE.
5. THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY SHALL BE CONSTRUED BROADLY TO PROVIDE A RELEASE AND WAIVER TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMISSIBLE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW.
6. SCREENING PROTOCOL DUE TO ILLNESS
  - IF A PLAYER IS SENT HOME FROM SCHOOL WITH A FEVER THEY SHOULD NOT ATTEND PRACTICE.
    - PLAYER MAY NOT RETURN UNTIL FEVER FREE AND SYMPTOM FREE (WITHOUT THE USE OF FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION) FOR 24 HOURS.
    - IF SCREENED FOR COVID AND NEGATIVE, THE PLAYER MUST BE SYMPTOM AND FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS.
    - IF A STUDENT HAS A DIAGNOSIS OF COMMON ILLNESS (STREP PHARYNGITIS, VARICELLA, COXSACKIE, PERTUSSIS) THE PLAYER MUST BE SYMPTOM AND FEVER FREE (WITHOUT USE OF FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION) FOR 24 HOURS.
  - IF A COACH OR PLAYER, OR ANY MEMBER OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD, TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19:
    - THE INFECTED PLAYER/COACH ARE TO REMAIN AWAY FROM THE TEAM IN ORDER TO PREVENT FURTHER SPREADING OF THE ILLNESS.
  - IF COACH OR PLAYER TESTS POSITIVE, HE/SHE MAY RETURN TO PLAY IF:
    - AT LEAST 72 HOURS HAVE PASSED SINCE RECOVERY DEFINED AS RESOLUTION OF FEVER WITHOUT THE USE OF FEVER-REDUCING MEDICATIONS; AND
    - THERE IS IMPROVEMENT IN RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS (E.G., COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH).
  - ANY COACH, MANAGER OR VIPER BOARD MEMBER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEND HOME ANY PLAYER, COACH OR SPECTATOR THAT APPEARS SICK OR IS SHOWING COVID SYMPTOMS.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UPSUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I ALSO AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL RULES OF THE WVHA PROGRAMS AND WESTCHESTER SKATING ACADEMY.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent or Legal Guardian*

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent or Legal Guardian*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Registration Procedures

1. A non-refundable tryout fee must accompany your registration.
2. If your child has not signed a commitment letter to play for another youth hockey organization in 2025-2026 he/she can tryout.
3. Registration will be accepted one of three ways:
  - In-person at WSA during the dates and times listed above.
  - Online using the organization's platform, Crossbar.
  - By mail to the following address:  
WESTCHESTER VIPERS  
c/o Dave Mensi  
570 Heritage Hills  
Unit F  
Somers, NY 10589
4. Applications sent via email will not be accepted.

## Tryout Procedures

1. Your child must attend tryouts according to the designated schedule attached.

## Payment and Notification Procedures

1. Generally within 24 hours of the final tryout at a particular level, you will receive an email advising you that your child has been selected for a team. You will NOT receive an email if your child has not been selected for a team.
2. You will be required to accept or decline the roster spot with a return email before the specified deadline. There will not be a grace period.
3. Upon acceptance of the roster spot, you will be required to provide a completed financial agreement form as well as a non-refundable Roster Acceptance Fee.
4. Upon acceptance of an offered roster spot you are responsible for the full tuition payment even in the event of withdrawal from the program whether voluntary or due to an injury.
5. Failure to comply with above payment procedures will result in forfeiture of your roster spot.

## Teams

1. The Vipers will be fielding teams at the 8U Cross Ice, 10U, 12U, 14U, and 16/18U levels.
2. We are looking to field two teams at the 10U, 12U & 14U.
  - State Tournament Bound team at the 12U & 14U levels.
  - If POSSIBLE, a third team at the 10U and 12U levels will be fielded.
3. All 8U teams will play cross ice format as per the NYSAHA.
  - The Mite Gold Team (2017 birth year players) will switch to full ice after January 1, 2026.

## Team Money and Tournament Commitment

1. Teams that will be scheduled for three tournaments will pay a Team Money Deposit upon contract signing.

## Equipment Requirements

1. All 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U skaters will be required to wear navy blue shells or navy blue pants and navy blue helmets. Midget skaters and all goalies are exempt from these requirements.
  - The only decals permitted on helmets will be the Vipers logo, jersey number, and the school logo, for those on high school teams.