



Northern Colorado Youth Hockey

NORTHERN COLORADO YOUTH HOCKEY (NCYH) – General Guidelines for Parents, Guardians & Family Members

As an active and valued part of the NCYH community, parents, guardians, and family members are expected to uphold the highest standards of conduct. Respect for individuals and for the spirit of the game is essential both on and off the ice.

Participation in NCYH is a privilege. All family members are expected to support the values of the organization and set a positive example for our players.

Parents, guardians, and family members are also responsible for the behavior of any guests they invite to NCYH events. Guests must abide by the same standards.

Requirements for Good Standing

To remain in **good standing**, all parents, guardians, and family members must:

- Show respect for facility staff, coaches, players, officials, and league representatives
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during, and after games
- Encourage fair play and follow all rules and regulations
- Refrain from abusive or offensive language, gestures, and music
- Respect the privilege of access to all facilities
- Follow all USA Hockey, CAHA, and league rules and policies

Creating a Safe and Positive Environment

NCYH is dedicated to maintaining a safe, welcoming, and positive environment for all participants. We are committed to fostering confidence, character, and community.

- Be a positive role model; encourage sportsmanship and respect for all players
- Do not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, coaches, players, or other parents
(including booing, taunting, profanity, or inappropriate gestures)
- Emphasize skill development and effort over winning
- Respect locker rooms as private spaces for players, coaches, and officials
- Do not publicly question officials' judgment or integrity

Substance Policy

Parents, guardians, and family members are expected to support a drug-, tobacco-, and alcohol-free sports environment. Violation of this policy may result in the **suspension of the player** associated with the violating party.

Prohibited substances for players at all NCYH facilities and functions include:

- Illegal drugs
- Marijuana and marijuana-derived substances
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Nicotine

Vaping and similar products are strictly prohibited.

Respect for Equipment and Facilities

Parents, guardians, and family members are expected to help maintain the cleanliness and condition of all facilities and equipment used during the season.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- NoCo Ice Center
- EPIC Ice (Edora Pool & Ice)
- Other ice rinks and locker rooms
- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Any location visited for NCYH functions

Zero Tolerance for Vandalism

NCYH maintains a **zero tolerance policy** for vandalism. Damaging, defacing, or destroying any property—whether at a rink, hotel, restaurant, or other location—will result in immediate disciplinary action. This may include financial restitution, removal from events, or dismissal from the association.

Addressing Parent Concerns

NCYH encourages open and respectful communication. If an issue arises, we ask that it be handled constructively using the following process:

- Whenever possible, observe a **24-hour cooling-off period** before addressing concerns
- Most issues (e.g., playing time, team policy, or discipline) should first be discussed with the Head or Assistant Coach at an appropriate time
- If needed, escalate the issue to the Age Division Director or NCYH Hockey Directors

- If still unresolved, concerns may be brought to the NCYH President

Discipline

NCYH is committed to a safe and supportive environment. Family members who violate this Code of Conduct may face disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- Removal from team activities
- Prohibition from attending future team events
- Dismissal from the association

Disciplinary matters will be handled by the coaching staff, Hockey Directors, or NCYH Board of Directors as appropriate.

Commitment to Excellence

As a parent or guardian of an NCYH player, I agree to conduct myself in accordance with this Code of Conduct. I understand that violations—whether of this Code or of any federal, state, or local laws—may result in disciplinary action, including **suspension or dismissal from the association** and **forfeiture of all fees**.

IMPORTANT: Parents, fans, and guests who fail to meet these standards may cause the player they support to be **suspended or removed from NCYH**. NCYH reserves the right to **discipline a player based on the behavior of associated spectators**.