

West Madison Polar Caps



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Philosophy: The West Madison Polar Caps Youth Hockey Association is a private organization which emphasizes the development of basic hockey skills and the promotion of hockey as an enjoyable recreational activity as well as competition. Our philosophy is to emphasize individual participation by providing relatively equal attention to players during practices and relatively equal playing time in scheduled games, except when an individual member does not participate in scheduled practice sessions, demonstrates attitudes or conduct not conducive to good team morale, displays unsafe or dangerous conduct and/or is being disciplined by the coach.

All players and parents are ambassadors on behalf of the Polar Caps and USA Hockey, on and off of the ice. We are all committed to act as a group of class individuals at the ice rink, when traveling to tournaments, at hotels, at other rinks, and even in the locker room. It is our mission to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all involved, at all times.

Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct

- I will provide positive support and encouragement for my skater participating in youth hockey, and emphasize the importance of achieving common goals through teamwork.
- I understand that the club evaluators try to be as fair as possible. I will support their team placement decisions to my player and other parents.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my skater ahead of my personal desire to win. I will remember that the game is for youth – not adults – and will do my best to make youth sports fun for my child and all Polar Cap players.
- I will not confuse players by countermanding the coaches' instructions. I will follow team rules regarding arrival times, attendance, etc.
- I will be a respectful fan and encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, parents and officials at every practice, game, or other youth hockey event. I will treat other players, coaches, parents, fans and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will refrain from criticism of referee decisions. I will set an example and conduct myself in a way that reflects positively on the skaters, the club, and other parents.

- I will refrain from communicating with my player during a practice or game without the explicit permission of the coach.

- The people active in this club are unpaid volunteers. I will support the hockey program and become involved to whatever extent I am able.

When parents violate these rules and/or disrupt team activities, the Age-Level Directors and the Board of Directors will enforce the Code of Conduct according to the following guidelines.

- First offense – The Age-Level Director shall speak with the parent and others who witnessed the incident, and then talk with the parent and/or write a letter of reprimand.

- Second offense – The parent shall appear before the Board to explain the 18 incident.

- Third offense – The parent shall be suspended from all practices and games for the balance of the season.

Repeated and/or dangerous actions may be referred directly to the Board for accelerated action. When continued disregard for the rules seriously disrupts club and/or team activities or behavior is determined to be dangerous or extremely disruptive to others, the Board of Directors reserves the right to terminate club membership.

