

## **Introduction**

### **NWCYH Code of Conduct**

The philosophy of Northwestern CT Youth Hockey is that all its children play, have fun, and learn. While winning can be an important learning experience, winning at all costs is not in the best interest of the children. To keep fun, development, and winning in its proper perspective, NWCYH has developed this code of conduct for its players, coaches, and family members. It applies to all NWCYH events (home or away), in house or travel, including practices, games, tournaments, or other situations where teammates, coaches, referees, or managers are involved. It is the written agreement among the parents, the players, and the coaches, which NWCYH hopes will enhance every participant's enjoyment in their Hockey experience

### **Parent Code of Conduct**

I understand that as the parent (s)/guardian of a child who participates in Northwestern CT Youth Hockey I am bound by the NWCYH Code of Conduct and accordingly;

- I will teach my child to play by the rules. I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players and spectators ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will help my child work toward skill improvement and sportsmanship. I will not criticize or permit or encourage my child to criticize any persons including players, managers, coaches, referees or spectators at any practices, games, tournaments, or NWCYH events.
- I agree that I will not coach from the sideline or the stands. I will set a good example by only speaking positively about my child's team and teammates. I understand that only NWCYH appointed team coaches may coach at games or practices, and that the team manager may administer to the needs of the team and to help the coach keep the team in order.
- I will make every effort to have my child at all the practices on time as requested by the team. I will give both the coach and if a travel team, team manager, advance warning if my child can't attend a practice or a game. I will make every effort to have my child prepared for practice/game by having his/her required hockey equipment, and water bottle.
- I understand the importance of respecting the judgment and expertise of my child's coaches when it comes to positions and playing time. I understand that disagreements with a coach or official do not belong in the hockey rink. I will raise questions, input and positive suggestions to the coach and/or NWCYH in an adult atmosphere
- I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that any and all guests that I may bring to a practice, game, tournament or NWCYH event, or may attend such an event in my absence, follow all guidelines listed on the NWCYH Code of Conduct.

- I understand that if my child or I have an issue with one of the coaches or another team related matter, I will address it by observing the proper chain of communication. After a 24 hour period I will first speak with the coach, but if I am unsuccessful, then I will go to the coaching director. If the situation fails resolution at that time, I will contact the NWCYH Board of Directors.
- I will do my best to support the program by assisting in any volunteer capacity
- The Board of Directors has the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any member should the conduct of such person be considered to be detrimental to the best interests of NWCYH. The member will be notified in writing regarding the general nature of the charges and an appropriate meeting date to be given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

It is with the spirit of cooperation and betterment of the NWCYH program that I willingly participate in this contract and program. It is with the continued cooperation and support of NWCYH parents that will facilitate the ongoing success of the program.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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