

Green Bay Dragons Women's Hockey



Code of Conduct

Season: September 1st through April 30st

The mission of the Green Bay Dragon's Women's Hockey team (N.E.W. Women's Hockey LTD) is to provide a safe opportunity for women 18 years or older to start or continue their hockey career both recreationally and competitively, regardless of experience or commitment level. The competitive athletic environment is one that demands respect for full effort and the applause for those who rise to the challenge and accept the risk of defeat. Dedication and self sacrifice on the ice does not always result in victory over the opponent. However, if one strives toward reaching full potential, with passion and perseverance, personal victories that last a lifetime is the end reward.

To be a member of the Green Bay Dragon's women's hockey team is considered a privilege. All members of the team should and are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively upon the program, the Cornerstone Community Ice Center, sponsors and our community. This applies to any team affiliated function (i.e., games, practices, meetings, travel and lodging, etc.) The following guidelines are in place to help keep the mission and spirit of the team as part of the core values.

Article I - Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Unsportsmanlike conduct of any nature, bringing discredit to the Green Bay Dragon's will NOT be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to:

- Any instigating or fighting during games
- Any use of the stick with intent to harm or injure another player
- Any use of vulgarity in gestures or language
- Talking back to any coach or referee

- A. If an official notifies the scorekeeper that an individual is ejected from a game this will require further action. The board of directors will discuss the incident and decide the appropriate action.
- B. When a complaint of unsportsmanlike conduct is received by the Board of Directors, the offending individual may be brought before the Board for a hearing. The offending individual may be present at the meeting but will not have a vote.
- C. Unsportsmanlike conduct complaints will be acted upon by the Board of Director members within five (5) days of their receipt and any disciplinary action will be communicated in writing and shall be immediately enforced.
 - a. If immediate action is required, at least three (3) Board members will address the incident and decide on the appropriate action.
- D. The Board of Directors has the full discretion of determining the punishment. The Board President and/or Vice President will make the final judgment, if necessary.

Punishment for a ruling of unsportsmanlike conduct:

- A written warning will be issued to the offender and their conduct will be monitored very closely for the remainder of the season.

- The league punishment will be extended or a one game suspension will be enforced.
- Probation may be ordered for a first time offender of a minor offense.
 - o Probation is defined as you are ineligible to practice and play in games for those stated weeks.
 - o Length of probation will be decided by the Board and could range from a minimum of two (2) weeks to a maximum of four (4) weeks.
- If the offender receives another complaint of unsportsmanlike conduct while under probation, they shall be suspended for an additional two (2) games and their punishment shall follow the detailed course of action below.
- For repeat offenders or for more serious offenses, suspension of the offender may be ordered for a minimum of two (2) games to a maximum of the remainder of the season.
 - o If the suspension is less than the remainder of the season, the offender will complete four (4) weeks of probation at the beginning of the following season.
 - o If the offender receives another complaint of unsportsmanlike conduct while under probation, they may be suspended for the remainder of the season. Under this course of action, the Board will vote whether to allow the offender to participate in the following season.

E. PER WCHL BI_LAWS | Section 6.06 Fighting & Egregious Penalties (GB Dragons adopted policy in June 2024)

1. Any player that receives a fighting penalty, before, during, or after a WCHL league game will receive an automatic 3-game suspension.
 - a. Unpenalized fighting incidents reported to the board with video evidence will also be subject to the 3-game suspension.
 - b. A thrown punch does not need to make contact to be considered fighting
 - c. Players involved in fights are subject to additional suspensions, probation, and/or expulsion from the league based on the severity of the incident.
 - d. This applies until players are “out the door” of the rink.
2. Any member team with 3 separate fighting incidents per season will be suspended for that season's playoffs.
 - a. A single fighting incident that incurred multiple penalties for one or more players counts as one strike for the team.
 - b. Multiple, separate fighting incidents may occur in a single game. Each separate incident counts as one strike for the team.
 - c. If a team incurs their 3rd strike during playoffs the team will be immediately disqualified. All their games, played & unplayed, will result in a 0-1 forfeit.
3. Egregious penalties such as but not limited to charging, checking from behind, head contact, threatening a referee, etc... may also be penalized under these rules at the discretion of the board.
4. Suspensions given at the end of the season may be carried over into playoffs and/or next season as needed.
 - a. Carry-over suspensions occurring during the regular season will count as one of a member team's 3 incidents only for the season the incident occurred.
 - b. Suspensions issued under this rule during playoffs will count as one of a member teams 3 incidents for the following season.

- c. If a player or players that were penalized in the incident change teams during the offseason, the individual player suspensions and/or probations will follow the player or players to their new team(s).
- 5. These consequences are for WCHL league games only and do not apply to exhibition games.
 - a. The board cannot add further WCHL penalties or suspensions for incidents at exhibition games. Only required USA Hockey suspensions will be enforced from exhibition to league games.

Only league games satisfy WCHL suspensions.

F. PER WCHL BI_LAWS | Section 4.02 Player Registration & Eligibility (GB Dragons adopted policy in June 2024)

1. Eligibility
 - a. Players and coaches shall not participate in any WCHL game while under suspension by USA Hockey, USA Hockey State Affiliates or the WCHL.
 - i. All WCHL games where an illegal player or coach has participated (not marked absent or suspended on the scoresheet) will be forfeited by the offending team.
 - b. Beginning with the 2019 season, all players must individually register using their full legal name with the WCHL through the website by a date determined by the Board annually. Players will have a minimum of two weeks' notice to complete registration.
 - c. Players who join the League after the Scheduling meeting must complete website registration prior to playing in their first League game. Their addition to a team's roster must be approved by the Board prior to the roster being submitted to the state USAH governing body.
2. Age Requirements
 - a. All non-collegiate Adult women's teams must be comprised entirely of players 18 or older. Players must turn 18 prior to that season's scheduling meeting.
 - b. Players cannot be added to a USAH certified- hockey roster until they turn 18.
 - c. Additional USA Hockey rules may apply.
3. Pursuant to USA Hockey's eligibility policy, a transgender, or non-binary, athlete shall be permitted to participate in the League if both of the following are satisfied: 1) The player identifies as a woman; and 2) the gender shown in their USA Hockey Registration is female.

Refer to USA Hockey explanations: <https://www.usahockey.com/diversityequityandinclusion>

4. Under: [Transgender Athlete Eligibility](#)

Article II – Referee Interaction

At no time will ANY player be allowed to discuss any calls made by the officials. It will be the coach or appointed captain's responsibility to resolve any on ice situations.

Article III – Coach Interaction

At no time will ANY player be allowed to dispute any decisions made by the coaches. This includes but is not limited to playing time, team strategy and play calling. If the coach does not provide satisfactory resolutions to your concerns, set up an appointment or call a Board member to discuss the situation. Remember, the coaches are volunteers and we should appreciate their effort to help our program.

Article IV – Player Conduct

Players shall act appropriately in all manners on and off the ice when representing the team.

Article V – Player Commitment

- Each player must sign the code of conduct prior to skating with the team.
- Players must commit to play in games at least 5 days prior to the game.
- In order to play in the game the player must have attended the last 2 of 3 practices.
 - o Captain/Assistant Captain will review individual situations if exceptions are requested.
- A maximum of 14 players per game will be allowed (3 forward lines, 4 defense and 1 goalie)
- If less than 10 people have committed to playing in a game, 5 days prior a request will be sent out to other players and will be allowed on a first come/first serve basis.

Article VI - USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy

Please refer to a Board member or USA Hockey website for a complete listing of on ice policies.

Please note: All players are required to sign the Green Bay Dragon's player code of conduct and USA Hockey zero tolerance agreement prior to participating in any women's hockey programs.

I, the undersigned, have read the Green Bay Dragon's Player Code of Conduct and USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy. I am aware of the consequences of not abiding by the policies and by my participation in the Green Bay Dragon's Women's Hockey Programs I agree to be bound by the Code of Conduct and the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy.

Date

Printed Signature Name