



# **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT PLAYER CONTRACT**

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It is the intention of this contract to promote fair play and respect for all participants within the Association. All players must sign this contract stating that they will observe the principles of the Player Code of Conduct before being allowed to participate in hockey.

## **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **I will:**

- Play hockey because I want to, not because others or coaches want me to.
- Respect and adhere to the ideals, policies, and rules determined by Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, PCAHA, Whistler Minor Hockey Association (WMHA) and my team.
- Respect the rules of the game, opponents, officials and their decisions.
- Control my temper – fighting or “mouthing off” can spoil the game for everyone.
- Treat everyone fairly within the context of his or her activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- Respect other athlete's dignity; verbal or physical behaviours that constitute harassment or abuse are totally unacceptable.
- Refrain from participating in or condoning any actions involving hazing or inappropriate behaviour that degrades, demeans or segregates certain players from the team.
- Never advocate or condone the use of alcohol, mind altering drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.
- Consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of their sport. Specifically, athletes shall:
  - Refrain from public criticism of athletes, coaches or officials.
  - Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language towards teammates, coaches, officials or opponents.
- Attend as many games and practices as reasonably possible.
- Follow the annual training, competitive programs, and rules of conduct as mutually agreed upon by Coaches and Athletes, recognizing the responsibilities of the Athletes to adhere to and complete.
- Participate in a manner that ensures the safety of athletes, coaches and officials also participating in the game.
- Be present before games and practices in a timely manner.
- Notify the coach/manager ahead of time if I will be absent - including, not limited to, absence due to other sporting team commitments, planned vacations, school commitments.
- Respect the facilities and other user groups, either home or away, in which I'm privileged to play.

- Exhibit a high degree of sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude at all times when representing my team and the Association.
- Uphold the rules of the sport, the spirit of such rules and encourage other athletes to do the same.
- Show respect for the decisions, judgment & authority of the officials and timekeepers.
- Treat opponents and officials with due respect both in victory and defeat. Encourage other athletes to act accordingly.
- Show respect for the feelings & abilities of the players on the other team.
- Direct comments or criticism at the performance rather than the individual.
- Accept the capabilities of other players.
- Accept defeat gracefully - love the game above the prize.

*Breach of this Code of Conduct will be subject to review by the WMHA Executive and face possible disciplinary action as per the WMHA Disciplinary Policy & Procedures which can be found on our website.*

### **Penalty Minute Accumulation Policy:**

For leagues with body checking (U15 and U18 rep) focus will be more on high risk penalties e.g. boarding, slashing, cross checking, high stick, knee, kick, hit to head, hit from behind, etc.

For all levels, exclude certain types of penalties such as delay of game, too many men, or serving a bench minor for the coach, etc.

For all levels the input from coaches will be taken into account i.e. type of player, number of dangerous penalties taken, etc.

For all levels, the number of games played will be a consideration.

	<b>Discipline</b>		
<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Warning Letter</b>	<b>One Game</b>	<b>Three Games</b>
<b>U11</b>	20 Minutes	40 Minutes	60 Minutes
<b>U13</b>	30 Minutes	50 Minutes	70 Minutes
<b>U15</b>	40 Minutes	60 Minutes	80 Minutes
<b>U18</b>	50 Minutes	70 Minutes	90 Minutes

I have read and understand this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the principles contained therein.

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TEAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PARENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_