

Westerville Warcats Hockey Association

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship

The WWHA recognizes that the conduct of parents/guardians during games and practices can have a significant impact on a student-athletes' enjoyment of the game of hockey, as well as on the enjoyment of the game by all spectators. Additionally, the behavior of Warcats supporters (i.e. parents, guardians, and other family members, and friends) can greatly influence the organization's reputation in the hockey community, both for better or for worse. The Warcats hockey organization desires to promote its reputation in an optimally positive manner and also wishes to promote high school hockey, in general, in the same light.

Therefore, the WWHA has adopted the following code of conduct and sportsmanship for parents, guardians, and all family members who care for and serve as advocates for Warcats players. It is expected that a commitment will be made by each parent/guardian to strive for adherence to the principles and code that follows:

- Treat all players, coaches, game officials, parents/guardians, opponents, and spectators with dignity and respect through appropriate language, attitude, behavior, and mannerisms; do not use obscene or vulgar words or gestures toward anyone, whether they are associated with the Warcats, an opponent's club, the referees' association, or rink/arena personnel.
- Treat all players, coaches, officials, parents/guardians, and spectators equally without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or ability
- Provide positive support and encouragement for the effort of all Westerville hockey players; refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding the performance of any of your child's/player's teammates.
- Convey the above principles to your player and also make clear to your child your expectation for his/her compliance.
- Refrain from shouting out instruction or criticism to players, coaches or officials during games, practices, or scrimmages
- Learn as much as possible about the rules and strategies of the game of hockey to enhance your enjoyment of the game and to better understand and appreciate why specific situations occur.
- Observe at "24 -hour cooling off period" before approaching any coach or board member with concerns or disagreement regarding coaching decisions
- Be an **OUTSTANDING ROLE MODEL** for **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**

Blatant violations of the parent/guardian code shall include, but are not limited to, the following :

- Making aggressive, physical contact with any player, coach official, rink staff, or spectator
- Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, rink staff, or spectator
- Entering the locker room of an opposing team or official or obstructing their access to or exit from the locker room or arena
- Entering the ice surface during a game or practice for the purpose of engaging in a dispute of any kind
- Throwing any object on the ice surface, into the player areas (i.e. benches) or climbing on the glass
- Defacing or damaging property belonging to any individual, team, hockey organization or arena
- Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officers.

I will follow this code of conduct and represent the Westerville Warcats Hockey Association in the most positive manner possible.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Board Approved: July 2006

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