



April 1, 2009

Parents, Girls U10  
Westwood Youth Hockey

**Re: Westwood Youth Hockey  
Code of Conduct**

Dear Parents:

Recent events compel the WYH Board of Directors to reiterate its policy with regard to the conduct of parents, players and coaches involved in the hockey program, and to outline the consequences for failing to meet these expectations.

Every Westwood Youth Hockey parent, player and coach has explicitly agreed to abide by Massachusetts Hockey's Code of Conduct as well as the WYH Code of Conduct. We attach these documents for your reference.

Both Massachusetts Hockey and WYH embrace a "zero tolerance" policy, to insure that the programs maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship, and to promote a positive experience for the participating children. The standards demanded by these policies are quite high and unsportsmanlike conduct of any nature is prohibited. For example, conduct such as arguing with an official's decision, yelling at or taunting a player, coach, official or spectator or publicly questioning an official's judgment or honesty are all specifically forbidden. A violation of the Code of Conduct may result in a variety of sanctions, including where appropriate, expulsion from the program.

In the past, the WYH Board of Directors has taken a firm but measured approach in applying the Code of Conduct, examining the context of any violation and considering a variety of mitigating factors. Please be advised that the WYH Board of Directors will now adopt a stringent and uncompromising construction of the Code of Conduct and any violation, however small, will not be tolerated. Sanctions for unacceptable conduct will not be confined to the current season and may carry over to successive years. Please guide your actions accordingly.

We regret the formality of this correspondence to our friends and neighbors and we are well aware that this reiteration of WYH policy may be superfluous. However, our deep concern for the welfare of the program and its participants and our heartfelt desire to avoid future difficulties leads us to favor clarity over cordiality.

As always, we welcome your thoughts and comments. If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by email as set forth on the Westwood Youth Hockey Web Site.

Very truly yours,

Bob Murphy  
WYH Vice President Off-Ice

Cc: WYH Executive Board