

**WEST HARTFORD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
PARENTAL CONSENT, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

I understand that ice hockey is a contact sport and there is risk of injury to participants.

I give my consent for the child named above to participate in the activities of the West Hartford Youth Hockey Association, Inc. (WHYHA).

I certify that my child had a physical examination in the last year and is physically fit to participate in the WHYHA hockey programs.

As the parent or guardian of the registered child, I assume on behalf of the child all the risks and hazards incidental to the activities of the WHYHA, and I hereby waive and release on behalf of the child and me all claims for injury, damages or other liability against the WHYHA and the organizers, sponsors, officers, directors, coaches, officials, and other supervisors of the WHYHA which may arise out of a child's participation in the activities of the WHYHA. I likewise release from liability any person transporting my child to and from WHYHA activities.

I agree to return all equipment issued to my child by the WHYHA or, upon request, to reimburse WHYHA for the loss or damage of equipment.

If applicable, I agree to pay the balance of the internal fee prior to the first skating session. If my child is playing for a travel team, I further agree to pay the balance of the travel fee by the applicable due date under my Payment Election Contract. I understand that my child will not be allowed to participate in any WHYHA activities unless all required payments are made as agreed.

I acknowledge the following USA Hockey Parent and Spectator Codes of Conduct and agree to honor them. I acknowledge that Parents/Spectators may be ejected by game officials for any conduct detrimental to the game of hockey.

**Parent Code of Conduct**

- Do not force your child to participate in sports, but support their desire to play his or her chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.  
Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials.  
By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practice and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game, and support the officials on and off the ice.  
This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell at or physically abuse your child after a game or practice it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about hockey and volunteer.

## **Spectator Code of Conduct**

- Display good sportsmanship. Always respect players, coaches and officials.
- Act appropriately: do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together.
- Cheer good plays of all participants; avoid booing opponents.
- Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive.
- Help provide a safe and fun environment; throwing any items on the ice surface can cause injury to players and officials.
- Do not lean over or pound on the glass; the glass surrounding the ice surface is part of the playing area.
- Support the officials and coaches by trusting their judgment and integrity.
- Be responsible for your own safety be alert to prevent accidents from flying pucks and other avoidable situations.
- Respect locker rooms as private areas for players, coaches and officials.
- Be supportive after the game, win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_