



## Windermere Valley Minor Hockey Association

### **FAIR PLAY CODE**

The "Fair Play" rule will apply to all teams and players. With the implementation of the "Fair Play" policy we hope to better the hockey experience for everyone involved.

The purpose of Fair Play is to encourage, foster, and develop players skills while enhancing the aspects of SAFETY and RESPECT, on and off the ice for all participants involved. Fair Play encourages all players to be as competitive as possible within the rules of the game. Fair Play does NOT take away from winning. Fair Play can enhance winning rather than detract from the game, as it allows all players to improve equally as a team.

Respect the Rules - Each participant and member within WVMHA will respect and abide by the rules laid out in the association's policies. Rules and guidelines ensure our game is fair and help educate participants to ensure a safer and more enjoyable learning experience.

Respect Opponents - Opponents are also players within a minor hockey association. Treating all players with respect from both teams is essential for a more productive and safer environment. Cheering for both teams as they make plays will enhance the production of the kids on the ice. Respect for opposition coaching staff is also crucial, so any infractions during the game can be resolved with ease.

Respect the Officials and Their Decisions - Officials for Minor Hockey play a vital part in the success of our season. Officials can be young adults, learning the game, as are the players on the ice. They must be directed and supervised and learn from their mistakes. Calls made by officials will not be questioned over the ice. However, any discussions between officials and coaching staff will be taken up at the bench through the team's captains and assistant captains.

Have Everyone Participate Fairly - It is important for all players to participate equally to develop as hockey players. Ice time for kids is vital as they will have a greater opportunity to develop to their potential. Having everyone participate equally will create enhanced team cohesion, which will result in the kids learning and progressing to the best of their ability.

Maintain Self Control at all Times - It is important for coaches, players, and parents to maintain their emotions within the hockey environment. Yelling and making derogatory comments at the referees, coaches, players, and/or parents will not be tolerated as it creates a tense and unsafe environment. We are teachers of behaviour and should act accordingly, so our kids can learn from our actions.



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## TEAM OFFICIALS CONTRACT

As a team official, including coaches, managers, safety personnel, and on-ice helpers, within the Windermere Valley Minor Hockey Association, our focus is to ensure that players develop and refine their hockey and skating skills, participate with fair play, develop work ethic, act as part of a team, have fun, and most importantly, learn to respect and support teammates, coaches, opponents, officials and their decisions, and the game of hockey.

As a WVMHA team official, I agree to abide by the following guidelines:

- I will remember that it is a privilege, not a right, to be a team official.
- I will abide by the 'BC Hockey Code of Conduct' (follow the link below)  
<http://cloud.rampinteractive.com/kamloopsmha/files/CODE%20OF%20CONDUCT%20POLICY%20FORM%2009-27-2017.pdf>
- I agree to abide by the rules, regulations, policies, constitution, and decisions made by WVMHA board.
- I will be organized and prepared for all practice sessions and games to maximize and optimize all scheduled ice time.
- I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves and their abilities. I will not ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
- I will remember that the players are just kids that make mistakes, and I am here as a mentor to help them learn.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of any personal or team desire to win.
- I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries of players.
- I will ensure equipment and facilities are safe and match the players' age and ability.
- I will remember that participants need a coach/mentor that they can trust and respect. I will be generous with praise and set good examples for the players.
- I will teach players to play fairly and to respect themselves, rules, officials, and opponents.
- I will not be openly critical of any players on our team, opposing teams, officials, or other coaches.
- I will be reasonable with expectations, recognizing that players have other interests and obligations besides hockey.

- I will ensure that all players receive equal instruction and support time.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills and attend available clinics as required.
- Fair Ice Time is mandatory within WVMHA, I will ensure the 'Fair Ice Time' policy is followed by all team officials. <https://www.windermerevalleyminorhockey.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/1819/2022/08/WVMHA-Policies.pdf>
- I will inform parents on plans for the season, encouraging involvement and understanding of player's families. If any concerns are raised, they will be addressed immediately.
- Team meetings will be held periodically to address any concerns that may linger throughout the team, allowing issues to be dealt with promptly.
- I will make myself available to meet with individual parents to discuss any personal concerns when required.
- The confidentiality of the players and families is important to WVMHA. When private information is shared and/or discussed with families, I will respect their privacy and only discuss the situation with parties involved and/or other team officials/board members, if necessary.
- I will ensure all team participants abide by WVMHA's Bullying and Harassment Policy posted on the website, and the BC Hockey/Hockey Canada Maltreatment, Bullying, and Harassment Prevention and Protection Policy. [https://cdn.hockeycanada.ca/hockey-canada/Hockey-Programs/Safety/Speak-Out/Downloads/bullying\\_eng.pdf](https://cdn.hockeycanada.ca/hockey-canada/Hockey-Programs/Safety/Speak-Out/Downloads/bullying_eng.pdf)

### Discipline

There are three levels of player discipline that outline expectations about how the team official must handle it. If team officials are unsure of the level of discipline, please contact the president who will consult with the discipline committee.

1. Serious issues such as harassment, physical/mental abuse, discrimination, vaping, or sexual misconduct.
  - Team officials must take this behaviour straight to the discipline committee.
2. Less serious issues such as players fooling around, late curfew, disrespectful behaviour, and/or breaking something.
  - Parents need to be made aware of minor cases of misbehaviour.
  - Team officials reserve the right to suspend up to one game or practice.
3. Real time discipline issues that happen during games/practice on ice or in the dressing room which include, but not limited to, poor attitude on the bench towards teammates or coaches after being warned, purposeful physicality between players, and other intentionally disrespectful behaviour that needs to be dealt with on the spot.
  - Team officials can remove the player for a period of time.

## Breaking the Rules

Rules are implemented to make our game a better experience for all involved. Rules will be followed, and violation of the rules as laid out in WVMHA's constitution, policies, fair play guidelines, and contracts will be liable to suspension to ensure a positive experience for all.

Violation reported: If violations are reported to WVMHA, the discipline committee will determine how to address the situation. The person in question may be asked to step back from practices and/or games to allow the discipline committee time to assess the incident.

\*\*\* past offenses in Windermere Valley Minor Hockey Association will be considered when determining of the level of offense.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

(A signed copy, signed by each coaching staff member, is provided to the Coach Coordinator)