



PYHA BEARS

PLAYER/PARENT
COACH/VOLUNTEER

Code of Conduct
2020-2021

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Code of Conduct is a covenant between PYHA players, parents, and coaches to abide by the rules and regulations of the game, as well as to maintain a cooperative attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship. The Code of Conduct expresses our core values and goals. It is essential it be honored and followed.

The Code of Conduct can be summarized in the following three principles: (1) Demonstrating a positive attitude; (2) Setting a good example; and (3) Maintaining good relationships with all youth hockey participants - including officials, opponents, and our own team's players, parents, and coaches.

Covid-19 Prevention Measure Agreement:

The Palouse Ice Rink has implemented measures recommended by the CDC, EPA, USA Hockey, local city and government ordinances to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. There may still be risks of contracting Covid-19. Such risks can cause symptoms ranging from mild to severe, including death.

By participating in Palouse Youth Hockey and upon entering the facility you agree to follow the measures and policies that are in place at the time of play. These measures are continually changing but may include wearing a mask at all times, obtaining a social distance, and staying home if you are sick! If you or a member of your household is sick, showing signs or symptoms of Covid-19, or has recently been in close proximity of someone who has or showing signs of Covid-19, please remain home and contact your team manager.

By voluntary participation you assume all risks and responsibility associated with this activity. I agree to release Palouse Youth Hockey and the PIR and affiliates of liability.

ON AND OFF ICE BEHAVIOR

Each person associated with PYHA is always accountable for his/her own behavior, on or off the ice. PYHA will not tolerate conduct that is detrimental to the sport, the participants, or the community. Such conduct includes vulgarity by coaches, players or parents; harassment or belittling of officials, coaches or players; verbal abuse, threats or physical violence toward anyone, and the taunting of opposing players, coaches and parents. PYHA members are required to refrain from conduct in any that will be offensive to those around them. We require thorough self-restraint by all participants - both players and adults. Teams must exercise appropriate control over those who fail to control themselves.

RACIAL SLURS

PYHA will NOT tolerate in any way, any type of racial remarks or slurs and they will result in immediate disciplinary action.

BULLYING

PYHA will NOT tolerate bullying in any form by any members of the association and may result in disciplinary actions.

ON-ICE OFFICIALS

No adversarial confrontation, either verbal or physical, toward officials will be tolerated. All players are to submit to the instruction of the referees whether in agreement or not. Anyone who receives a penalty should skate directly to the penalty box without argument.

The only players who are allowed to discuss issues with on-ice officials are the team captains or assistant captains, who need to do so in a respectful manner. Ideally the coaches should handle all matters pertaining to officiating and the officials.

TIMELINESS

Players are expected to be on time for all practices, games, and other team functions. There should be no exceptions without prior coach approval. Plan on being early.

HOCKEY CHAT ROOMS AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Players, parents, coaches, and volunteers are allowed to enter hockey chat rooms via the internet, they are however prohibited from publishing any information, either negative or positive about any of the PYHA teams, players, coaches, parents, or volunteers, or any of the policies and other information pertaining to PYHA on those sites.

While nothing in this should be construed as limiting a PYHA member's First Amendment Right, PYHA believes it is important for its members to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner on social media. This is only intended to regulate the use of social media by PYHA members when that use interferes with or harasses PYHA members or others, creates a hostile environment, breaches confidentiality obligations, disrupts the overall function of PYHA, harms the goodwill and reputation of PYHA, violates the law, PYHA policies and/or other rules including those of USA Hockey, or facilitates inappropriate contact or conversations between players, coaches, parents, volunteers, or other members of the association. Inappropriate behavior may result in disciplinary actions.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Alcohol consumption of any kind by players is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action.

Tobacco use by players is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action.

The use of “illegal” substances by players, including PED’s, is prohibited. USA Hockey has taken a “No Tolerance” stance on this and will not be tolerated. Immediate discipline will be taken.

Aside from PYHA disciplinary actions, there may also be criminal consequences for violations of this section of the Code of Conduct. One will not cancel or prevent the other.

VANDALISM OR DAMAGE TO FACILITIES

PYHA members should take all steps to not damage any facility hosting PYHA teams or members. This includes ice rinks, hotels, restaurants, or any other public property. If damage does occur, the damage should immediately be brought to the attention of a coach or volunteer so the situation can be rectified with the facility. Any damage caused, whether intentional or accidental, will be the responsibility of the player(s)/family(ies) involved.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are NOT allowed in any locker rooms. This rule applies to all individuals entering a locker room, this includes players and adults. Teams depending on age group, should have an appropriate plan in place to prevent cell phone use in the locker rooms.

LOCKER ROOMS

Use the locker room assigned to you, whether away or at home.

No food allowed in locker rooms. If you need to eat, do so in a common area outside of the locker room.

No sticks in the locker rooms, sticks should be worked on and stored outside the locker room, unless the facility has a stick rack or designated area inside the locker room for this.

Players are responsible for cleaning the locker rooms after each use, leave the locker room cleaner than you found it.

FORMS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Every member of PYHA, players and adults, are responsible for their own actions and behaviors on and off the ice. Any action(s) by a PYHA member which exhibits a lack of respect to any other individual, facility, association or represents PYHA in a negative way may be cause for disciplinary action, suspension, or expulsion from the team or association. Each violation or suspected violation will be handled on a case by case basis by either the coaching staff or PYHA board.

Disciplinary actions will be determined on the severity of the action, and/or a repeated offense or offender, and/or age of player. Discipline may result in a wide range of action and may be progressive depending on nature of the offense.

DISCLAIMER

** All discipline/consequences are to be considered a minimum action taken for violating a certain team/PYHA rule. Violations or suspected violations will be handled in a case by case basis and attempting to keep a consistent outcome. This is in no way an all-inclusive code of conduct and any action deemed to be inappropriate will result in negative consequences.

USA HOCKEY

Players, coaches, volunteers, and other members of PYHA, including parents and other spectators, are also subject to USA Hockey Rules and Regulations and the USA Hockey consequences imposed to certain rule violations. USA Hockey protocol will be followed in all appropriate situations.

AGREEMENT TO ADHERE TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

I, _____, understand that the items identified in the PYHA Code of Conduct are required codes for every member within the PYHA Association to adhere to, and I am obligated to adhere to them. I will strive to ensure that I do not violate any of the Codes of Conduct. I also understand if a violation occurs, I will be subject to disciplinary actions and understand I must adhere to the disciplinary action. I further understand the disciplinary action determined may range from a talking to all the way to expulsion from PYHA, and many things in between. I do hereby willingly and under no threat or promise, submit to the PYHA Code of Conduct.

Player Signature

Player Printed Name

Date Signed

Parent Signature (if player or member is under the age of 18)

Parent Printed Name

Date Signed