

Parent / Guardian Responsibilities:

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children get involved in organized sports for their enjoyment.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at them, other players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your child. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Learn what is expected of your child from the coach and encourage their development.
- Don't compare your child with other players. Be honest with yourself when it comes to your child's capabilities.
- Know 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 or physically abuse your child after a game or practice – it is destructive.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- Have your child at the rink on time and with the proper equipment ready to play.
- Communicate with your coach/team manager if unable to attend a practice/game/event.
- Report any unsafe practice or inappropriate behaviors of players, parents or coaches to your coach, team manager or Level Director.
- Take care of your financial responsibilities.
- Volunteer.

All players parents/guardian are required to sign the Parents Code of Conduct at the beginning of each new season and return the signed form to WAYHA Registrar.

Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct

“As a parent/guardian of an Winona youth hockey player, _____, (Player’s name) I understand that:

- It is a privilege, not a right, for my child to play youth hockey.
- Sportsmanship and fair play are essential to the sport of hockey and are important skills that our children learn from youth hockey.
- Our children learn from our example, and we as parents need to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting all players, coaches, team managers, referees and other parents.
- Therefore, I agree to the following Code of Conduct:
- I will never use abusive behavior towards anyone involved in my child’s game, or attending an association game, at any arena.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, volunteers and referees at every game.
- I will not create a public display of anger toward coaches, players, and/or spectators in any arena or via e-mail, letter, and/or phone calls to the team.
- I agree to the 24 hour rule which states “no parent in a fit of frustration or anger over their player’s playing time, position or coaching will contact the coach in any manner until 24 hours has passed.”
- I will express any concern through proper channels in a respectful manner.
- I will respect and adhere to all rules of the WAHYA, District 9, Minnesota Hockey and USA Hockey.
 - A provision was added to the Minnesota Hockey Conduct Rule, which is located on page 35 of the 2015-2016 Minnesota Hockey Handbook. Any spectator removed under this paragraph will incur a mandatory minimum 3-game suspension from that team’s games and may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body for any spectator who is asked to leave the arena due to violating any of the following:
 1. Making racial or ethnic slurs and/or harassing conduct of any kind
 2. Abusive conduct that, in the referee(s) opinion, it is distracting from the game or inciting the players.
- I understand that any parent who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the WAHYA handbook.

Signed & Dated: _____ Signed & Dated: _____
(Parent/Guardian #1) (Parent/Guardian #2)

This signed Code of Conduct must be submitted to WAYHA Registrar in order for your team to be registered for the season. Noncompliance may result in ineligibility for your player.