

## **TYIHA Anti-Bullying Contract**

Athlete and Parent/Guardian Agreement

All athletes have the right to feel safe physically and emotionally while participating in youth hockey. I will do everything I can do personally, as a member of Tri City Youth Hockey, to create and preserve a physically and emotionally safe environment. I acknowledge that bullying will not be tolerated in any form.

Bullying refers to verbal acts, physical acts, or other acts of harassment by use of electronic devices. There are 3 characteristics to bullying: (1) Unwanted and aggressive behavior, (2) An imbalance of power, (3) The behavior is repeated.

Examples of specific behaviors that constitute bullying include:

- Spreading of harmful or degrading rumors, explicit pictures, messages or information using social media or other forms of electronic communication (“cyber-bullying”)
- Name-calling (use of foul or slanderous language), joking or making other offensive remarks about a person’s size, speed, religion, gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status, or sexual identity.
- Physical acts of bullying such as punching, slapping or tripping someone.
- Damage to another athlete’s personal property.

*We understand that bullying whether it is cyberbullying, physical, or verbal acts that disrupt the team environment, will result in the following disciplinary actions:*

- **1st Offense:** The head coach will meet with the athlete and the athlete’s parent(s)/guardian(s).
- **2nd Offense:** If the athlete is on a travel team the athlete must sit out 1 travel league game. If the athlete is a house player, the athlete must sit out one house league game.
- **3rd Offense:** Athlete will be suspended from all association activities for 2 weeks without reimbursement of all associated fees for that period of time.

### **Student's responsibility:**

I commit that I will not bully my fellow athletes. When I witness bullying, I will report it to an adult. I understand and will amend my behavior to the anti bullying policy and procedures.

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Athlete’s Signature

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Birth Year

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Parent/Guardian printed name