



## West Allegheny Hockey Association

### 2021-2022 Membership Agreement

This document outlines the financial responsibilities of our members for the 2021-2022 hockey season.

Players are offered placement on a West Allegheny Hockey Association (WAHA) team by the recommendation of the coaching staff. All players who are offered placement on a WAHA team are notified by email stating their team placement. Each player has 24-hours to accept their position. All players who accept the offer as stated in their placement email will be assessed a fee to play for the season.

#### The Assessment Fees for the 2021-2022 season are as follows:

		2021-22	Commitment Fee Paid	Balance	Equal Payments
Varsity		\$2,600	-\$200	\$2,400	\$300
Junior Varsity		\$2,400	-\$200	\$2,200	\$275
Middle School		\$1,800	-\$200	\$1,600	\$200
Payments	Dates		Varsity	J. V.	M. S.
#1	8/20/2021		\$300	\$275	\$200
#2	9/20/2021		\$300	\$275	\$200
#3	10/20/2021		\$300	\$275	\$200
#4	11/20/2021		\$300	\$275	\$200
#5	12/20/2021		\$300	\$275	\$200
#6	1/20/2022		\$300	\$275	\$200
#7	2/20/2022		\$300	\$275	\$200
#8	3/20/2022		\$300	\$275	\$200

\*Mandatory Fundraising Fee of \$100 has been added into Assessment Fees



Payments for the assessment fees may be made in full at the beginning of the season or payments can be made according to the minimum payment schedule listed in the fee schedule.

**Goalie and Multi-Player Discount**

Rostered Goalies are eligible for a \$200 discount which will be applied to their assessment fee.

If a family has rostered more than one player from their immediate family (brother/ sister), both members are eligible for the \$200 discount which is applied to their assessment fees.

Maximum discount for Multi-player and Goalie is \$200 per member.



### **Practice Times and Rinks**

Baierl Ice Complex	Sunday's 9:00 p.m. - 10:50 p.m. 8/1/2021 through 3/31/2022
Baierl Ice Complex	Tuesday's 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m. 8/1/2021 through 3/31/2022
Ice Castle	Sunday's 8:00 p.m. - 9:20 p.m. 9/1/2021 through 3/31/2022

Check Sports Engine for your team days and times. The ice slots are split between the three teams.

### **Legends/Scrip**

Participation in Star Lake Concerts (Legends) and Scrip fundraising is voluntary. Money raised through fundraising will be held and applied to a specific player's assessment fee. The Member performing the fundraising can designate who the specific player(s) is, as long as the player(s) is in good standing with WAHA.

Once assessment fees are paid in full, Members performing fundraising can apply these funds to other items. Due to WAHA's exemption as a non-profit organization, money raised through Legends fundraising can only be applied to WAHA hockey related activities. These activities/fees are limited to the following:

1. Tryout fees
2. Commitment fees
3. Assessment fees
4. WAHA skill session fees
5. Team jerseys, shells and socks (players only)
6. Team warmups (players only)

Additional rules regarding Legends fundraising with WAHA are:

- Money can be carried over and used between hockey seasons.
- Money that is left over cannot be transferred to another 501c3 organization.
- Money that is left over, after a Member leaves WAHA, may be donated to another Member in good standing or donated to the organization.



### **On Time Payments**

Timeliness of payments is necessary, as WAHA will be paying fees to various organizations and companies on behalf of the teams and players. The following guidelines are to be followed regarding the payment schedule:

1. All monthly assessment fees must be paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.
2. If monthly assessment fees are not paid in full for two months, the player will be ineligible to practice or play and will remain ineligible until all assessments are paid in full.

The West Allegheny Hockey Association understands that circumstances may arise, affecting the timeliness of assessment payments. These special circumstances will require written notification to the WAHA Treasurer and President and must be received before the scheduled assessment due date. These circumstances will be reviewed on an individual case basis.

### **Cancellation of Team Memberships**

1. Cancellation of team memberships prior to September 15<sup>th</sup>, forfeits any assessments, dues and fees paid up to, and including, September 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Cancellation of team membership between September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, forfeits any assessments, dues and fees paid to date and will be responsible for 50% of remaining balance of the yearly assessments (balance after October 15<sup>th</sup>).
3. Cancellation of team membership after October 15<sup>th</sup> forfeits any assessment; dues and fees paid to date and are responsible for the remaining balance of yearly assessments.

### **Other Fees**

Items such as equipment, uniforms, socks, jackets, camp fees, USA Hockey registration, West Allegheny School District Activity Fees, etc. are the responsibility of the individual, unless otherwise specified. Costs of scrimmages, tournaments, team travel, playoffs, etc., may also be expected, as a result of participation in the program. Any other expenses due to loss, damage, or theft are the responsibility of the individual. You are also responsible for restitution for theft or damage cost caused by you or your player.

All checks received unpaid or returned from the bank will be charged a fee of \$15 or the applicable bank fee, whichever is greater.



### **Early Termination/Suspensions**

Early Termination: Regardless of reason for removal from a team, any potential reduction in fee will be determined by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

Suspensions: Should a player be suspended by the school, coach, WAHA, or league for any reason, no fee reduction or refund will be given. Any fines levied by the league or team will be the responsibility of the member.

### **Game Misconducts**

The West Allegheny Hockey Association promotes competitive sportsmanship at the ice rink. To that end, any West Allegheny hockey player who receives a penalty that results in a game misconduct, will be subject to a hearing with the Head Coach and Director of Hockey Operations before regaining playing eligibility. *The player will not be permitted to participate in any West Allegheny practice or game until the hearing has been completed.* This hearing will be used to determine additional disciplinary actions independent of any PIHL rulings, hearings, or suspensions. WAHA will conduct the player hearing within 72-hours of the infraction and encourages the player's parent(s) to participate in the process. In the event the Head Coach and the Director of Hockey Operations is the same individual, the WAHA board will send a representative to participate in the review of player conduct.



### **Zero Tolerance Policy - Parental Code of Conduct**

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, USA Hockey has instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This policy requires all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey-sanctioned games. The following points of emphasis must be implemented by all referees and linesmen regarding Parents/Spectators:

The game will be stopped by game officials when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the PIHL Representative and/or rink security for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced, and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

1. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting of players, coaches, officials, or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
3. Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players' bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

The West Allegheny Hockey Association reserves the right to determine any additional disciplinary actions independent of any PIHL rulings, hearings, or suspensions.

### **Parent's Code of Conduct**

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sports. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, 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 practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the younger 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 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's 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 referees 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.



### **Zero Tolerance Policy - Player Code of Conduct**

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A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

### **Player's Code of Conduct**

- Play for fun.
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player – get along with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and discipline.
- Be on time.
- Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Never argue with an official's decision.
  - No lashing out at any official no matter the call. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officiating.
  - If you receive a penalty - skate directly to the penalty box.
  - Fighting will not be tolerated.
- Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, opponents, and officials.
  - No swearing or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.
  - There will be no drinking, smoking, vaping, chewing of tobacco or use of an illegal substance at any team function.



**West Allegheny Hockey Association Terms of Membership**

As a Parent/Guardian of a Player, by signing this document, you agree to:

1. Pay all fees as listed above and understand all financial responsibilities.
2. Accept all USA Hockey, MidAM, PIHL, and WAHA rules and regulations.
3. Accept all West Allegheny School District policies as outlined in the WA Student Athletic handbook
4. Accept the Zero Tolerance Policy as a Parent/Guardian and acknowledge the penalty incurred for any violations to disrupt or create a safety hazard any time before, during, or after a game.
5. Accept and review with your Player the Zero Tolerance Policy for Players.

Player's Name (printed): \_

Parent / Guardian 1 Name  
(printed): \_

Parent / Guardian 1 Signature: \_

Parent / Guardian 2 Name  
(printed): \_

Parent / Guardian 2 Signature: \_

Date: \_