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TWHA CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYER:

I understand that my goal as a player/participant in the TWHA is to enjoy the game, have fun, improve my hockey skills, abide by the rules, and promote respectful behavior. My participation in TWHA activities covers the entire duration of any team-organized activity, starting from my arrival at the parking lot and facility entrance, and continuing until I leave the dressing room, the facility's lobby, and the parking lot after games, practices, or other team activities.

As part of my participation in TWHA activities, I agree to such as, but not limited to the following:

1. Sportsmanship and Excellence:
 - I will compete to the best of my abilities, display sportsmanship, and strive for both individual and team excellence, following the [Hockey Canada Playing Rules](#).
2. Respect for Coaches, Officials, and Rink Personnel:
 - I will use appropriate language and consistently act with respect toward my coaches, officials, and rink personnel.
 - I expect my parents/guardians and other invited spectators to adhere to this code as well.
3. Responsible Conduct:
 - I will not use offensive language, make gestures, or behave in any manner that would bring discredit upon myself, my teammates, my coaches, or my family.
 - I will refrain from engaging in attacks or any behavior that could intentionally harm a teammate, coach, or spectator.
 - I will neither consume nor possess vaping or tobacco products, drugs, or alcoholic beverages.
4. Lawful Behavior:
 - Any behavior found to be unlawful or criminal in nature will be immediately reported to the appropriate authorities.
5. Respect for Facilities and Staff:
 - I will treat the facilities where I play, train, or stay during road trips, as well as the staff responsible for managing them, with respect.
 - I understand that any damages or vandalism will not be tolerated, and deliberate damage will be repaired or replaced at the expense of the offender.

I acknowledge that playing hockey for the TWHA is a privilege. I commit to always conducting myself in a positive manner that reflects well upon my teammates, coaches, and family.



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The TWHA Social Media, Bullying and Harassment Policies govern certain aspects of the Code of Conduct. The failure by any TWHA player or member to adhere to this Code of Conduct or the mentioned policies will be considered in violation of the TWHA Code of Conduct may result in investigation and potential disciplinary action.

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I have discussed the above Code of Conduct with my child and other members of our family unit, and we agree that he or she will abide by the TWHA Code of Conduct at all times. As a parent/guardian I also agree that the Code of Conduct governs my behavior, as well as anybody I invite, inside and outside the ice rink. I agree to such as, but not limited to the following:

- I recognize the importance of the volunteer coaches and will communicate with them in an appropriate manner. The same holds true for on ice officials, league representatives, team officials, all Trails West volunteers, and my personal behavior in the rink, during games and practices, and outside the rink.
- I will follow the **24-hour** rule prior to communicating with coaches and team officials.
- I will display excellent sportsmanship/behavior during practices and games, by not taunting, or pounding on the glass. I will always use appropriate language. I will not yell at or make inappropriate gestures toward the players, fans, coaches, officials, or rink employees.
- I understand that my inability to meet this code of conduct may result in a hearing with the TWHA disciplinary committee and may result in a written warning, suspension from any practice/game or expulsion from the association depending on the severity of the violation.

Communication Expectations, Protocols & Pathways

1. **24-Hour cooling off period** is mandatory prior to contacting team representative, league, and association representative.
2. Communication should be:
 - a. Respectful
 - b. Courteous
 - c. Non-Confrontational and positive in nature
 - d. Pertinent based on team rules and/or TWHA guidelines.
 - e. Contain contact information otherwise the communication **will not** be addressed or responded to.
3. Discipline Procedure and Process Pathway
 - a. Respect in Sport and the TWHA code of conduct will be applied jointly when dealing with these circumstances.



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- b. The TWHA Reporting of Misconduct and Discipline Policy will be followed for investigating complaints and reported Code of Conduct violations.
- c. Complaints should follow the following Pathway:



I fully understand that if I as a parent/guardian were to violate the Code of Conduct policy, I may also jeopardize my player's eligibility to continue to play hockey in the TWHA.

I will ensure my player is at all scheduled team events (e.g., Practices, games etc.); where there is a conflict, I will notify the designated team official(s) 24 hours **prior** the event (illness and emergencies are examples where this would not be applicable).