



BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS FOR WICHITA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PLAYERS AND COACHES

All WYHA players and coaches are expected to follow USA Hockey standards regarding behavior. This applies to how our players and coaches interact within our organization as well with other hockey organizations outside of Wichita.

The following is a list of unacceptable behaviors that violate WYHA standards. This is not meant to be a comprehensive list, but give our members guidelines for acceptable behavior as well as consequences for deviating from these standards.

1. It is not acceptable for coaches to use obscene language when interacting with players.
2. It is not acceptable for coaches or players to verbally bully, threaten, harass, abuse or demean others.
3. It is not acceptable for coaches or players to physically haze or physically abuse others.
4. It is not acceptable for coaches or players to use electronic communication (i.e. "cyber bullying"), to harass, frighten, degrade, intimidate or humiliate.

If a coach, adult or player violates the code of behavior the following steps will be taken.

Players:

1st Occurrence – Verbal warning. This will include meeting with the player, coach and parents to discuss the unacceptable behavior.

2nd Occurrence – Written warning. This will outline the details the unacceptable behavior. It will be presented to the player and his/her parents. A copy will be kept on file for 1 year from occurrence.

3rd Occurrence – Suspension for one game and up to the remainder of the season depending on the severity of the player's actions. To be determined by the WYHA Executive Board.

4th Occurrence – Suspension for up to remainder of season or longer to be determined by WYHA Executive Board.

When a player receives a written warning or suspension, the parents of the player, Head Coach, Dean of Coaches and a WYHA Executive Board Member will be present.

Coaches:

1st Occurrence – Verbal warning. This will include meeting with the coach to discuss the unacceptable behavior.

2nd Occurrence – Written warning. This will outline the details of the unacceptable behavior. It will be presented to the coach. A copy will be kept on file for 1 year from occurrence.

3rd Occurrence – Suspension for up to remainder of season or longer to be determined by WYHA Executive Board.