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# **LOCKER ROOM CODE OF CONDUCT**

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All players, parents/guardians, & coaches acknowledge that the use of the locker room facilities, whether at Nicholas Sportsplex, Barrington Ice Arena, or any other away venue, is a privilege and not a right. Therefore, when utilizing such facilities, whether as a player, parent/guardian, and/or coach, the Northwest Chargers Hockey Association reminds you that you are a representative of the organization and that you treat all such venues with dignity and respect.

## Locker Room Access

- No players shall be allowed access to the locker room unless a USAH or AAU-screened/Safe Sport-trained member of the Northwest Chargers Coaching Staff is present.
- The locker room shall be monitored at all times by a minimum of one (1) USAH or AAU-screened and trained Northwest Chargers Association member of the Coaching Staff. This is inclusive of both primary and secondary coaches. Under no circumstances shall a player be allowed access to the locker room unsupervised.
- All Squirt (U10) through Midget (U18) Parents/Guardians are prohibited from entering the assigned player locker room at any time. Mites (U8) parents/guardians are allowed access to the locker room only in those instances where a player requires assistance preparing for a scheduled event, such as tying skates, and where an approved member of the coaching staff is also present. (Note: If circumstances exist where a player/participant requires additional assistance, such as due to a disability and/or injury, the parent/guardian must first obtain permission from an assigned team coach prior to rendering such assistance.)

## Rules & Regulations

The Northwest Chargers Hockey Association considers the safety and welfare of our registered players, their families, and our guests as one of our top priorities. All players are expected to treat the facility, including its representatives, their teammates, opponents, coaching staff, officials, etc., with the utmost respect. Disrespect of any or all of these aforementioned entities shall be met with disciplinary action. The following is a list of examples of infractions, but by no means should be considered all-inclusive.

- Leaving the locker room in a state of uncleanliness. Note: Players are expected to return the locker room in the same, if not better, condition as when received. This includes disposing of all tape, bottles, wrappers, etc.
- Destruction and/or vandalism of the locker room, including, but not limited to, writing on the walls, spraying water bottles, and wanted destruction of property.
- Fighting, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and hazing of any kind will not be tolerated. Note: For a more complete definition of prohibited behavior, refer to the Northwest Chargers Hockey Association's [PLAYER & PARENT CONDUCT POLICY](#).
- Weapons and/or items that can be construed as weapons are expressly forbidden from all locker rooms. This includes but is not necessarily limited to, sharp-ended scissors and small knives commonly utilized to cut tape and repair equipment. Note: Blunt-ended scissors shall be allowed.
- Cell phones and/or photographic and/or recording equipment are expressly prohibited from locker rooms at all times. Note: A single cell phone shall be allowed in the locker room, at the discretion of the team's coach, for the sole purpose of providing a music media source for pre/post-team entertainment only.

In addition to the above, it is also noted that any instances of similar behavior that occur on social media and/or other communication platforms that lead to an infraction within the confines of the arena will be taken seriously and adjudicated as part of the Rules & Ethics committees' formal investigation into the matter. Any violation of the Locker Room "Code of Conduct" will result in the loss of locker room privileges for both the offending parties and his/her teammates, as stipulated below. Please be aware that the loss of "team" locker room privileges may or may not be inclusive of individual punishment of involved individuals.

- 1st Offense      14 Days
- 2nd Offense     30 Days
- 3rd Offense     Remainder of the Season

Please note that the Northwest Chargers Hockey Association Rules & Ethics Committee reserves the right to assess more stringent penalties if the infractions are egregious and warrant such action. The Northwest Chargers Hockey Association takes no responsibility for personal property and its loss and/or damage. All participants are encouraged to leave such property at home or with a trusted party during team activities.