

Willowdale Red Wings

have adopted the following

RULES of CONDUCT

For TEAMS

We respect and listen to our coaches.

We respect and support our teammates.

We do not argue with the referee.

We display good sportsmanship in victory and defeat.

We are fully dressed 10 minutes before every game and practice.

For PARENTS

Communication: All observations and advice by parents is solicited and welcome but should be presented to the coaching staff IN PRIVATE. Remember such advice should relate only to your child or the entire team. The performance of individual players is the responsibility of the coaching staff.

Parental guidance: Parental instruction is not needed during games. Parents are expected to refrain from coaching while a player is playing in a game or working in a practice. Parents should not stand behind the players bench during a game.

Dressing room: Parents may not enter the dressing room, except when invited by the staff.

Officials: No parent is to protest a decision of the officials or in any way communicate with them.

For PLAYERS

Best Effort: Always put forth your best effort and support your team mates.

Team Spirit: Always encourage your team mates. We are not individual players with different goals but one team with the same goals.

Have class: Be a gracious winner and a good loser. Show good sportsmanship at all times.

Do Not Criticize: All players MUST support each other at all times to play as a unit. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any player or parent who criticizes or argues with another team member.

Playing rules: Observe the rules at all times and live within the spirit as well as the letter of those rules.

Penalties: After receiving a penalty, proceed directly to the penalty box, without questioning or arguing with the referee. An unsportsmanlike/misconduct penalty can result in additional disciplinary action by the coaching staff.

Referees: Hassling a referee is not allowed by anyone. Only the captain and assistants will talk to the referees and then only at the direction of the coaching staff.

Referee's authority: Discussion of a referee's call is not permitted on the bench by anyone. We must accept the officials decisions regardless of how good or bad they seem. Your focus must be on your game and the team's effort.

Coach's authority: Show respect for the coaching staff at all times. Listen to them. Discuss any issues with them after the game or practice.

Control of emotions: There will be no exhibition of temper such as throwing of sticks or gloves on the bench, clapping sticks on the ice when the opposition is penalized, instigation of an altercation, etc..

No swearing: Foul language is not a communication tool and will not be tolerated. Racial slurs are prohibited and will be dealt with severely.

Suspension: Any player under suspension will attend all games. Players incurring suspensions may be subject to additional discipline by the coaching staff or Club Officials.

No smoking, drugs or alcohol: Smoking, drugs or alcohol will not be tolerated. Any player who comes to a practice or game suspected of being impaired due to alcohol or drug consumption will be suspended from the team indefinitely until the matter is dealt with by the Club Officials.

For COACHES and OFFICIALS

OWHA/NMGHL Year Book: Each year the OWHA/NMGHL produces a year book containing the regulations and playing rules for that season. The coaching staff will abide by these rules.

Unauthorized equipment/clothing: Willowdale Red Wings Girls Hockey officials will adhere to the Board's list of approved equipment. Use of an "unauthorized" version of the Willowdale Red Wings Girls Hockey logo in any way, shape or form can lead to penalties being assessed.

Discipline Issues: Coaches and Officials are expected to behave in a manner that is in the best interests of the organization. Failure to do so can lead to disciplinary action, and ultimate suspension.

Absences: Any Head Coach or Official who is unavailable to perform his/her duties for a period greater than two (2) weeks during the hockey season, must inform an Executive member so alternate assistance can be arranged.

OWHA/NMGHL Office: Managers/coaches are only permitted to call their tier convenor office to correct team standings/statistical information. All other requests must go through the Executive.

Outside Sanctions: Any suspensions or monetary fines that are levied to a RedWing Coach or RedWing Official or to the RedWing Organization must be reviewed at the next Board of Directors meeting. The Board can recommend further disciplinary measures and ask the individuals involved to reimburse the organization, in whole or in part, for any fine.

GENERAL RULES

Subject to specific team rules, the following are general expectations for all RedWing players, coaches and teams.

Game schedule: Schedules for large parts of the season are published well in advance of the games. Some games or practices may change due to rescheduling. It is each family's responsibility to check for changes with the team manager.

Game Punctuality: You must be at the arena 45 minutes before the scheduled start of each game and in the dressing room at least 30 minutes before the game. You must be ready to go on the ice ten (10) minutes before each game.

Practice Punctuality: Practices are important for skill development as well as individual and team tactics. All players are to attend the weekly practices as well as games. You must be at the arena at least 30 minutes before each practice starts and ready to go on the ice 10 minutes before the practice starts.

Absence: If it is necessary to miss a game or practice it is imperative that **the player** call either the coach or manager and give them as much notice as possible. Each coach will advise their team of the penalty imposed if notice is not given.

Dress: When in an arena you represent your team and the Willowdale Red Wings. Be a credit to them - dress neatly.

We do not insist that every team adhere to a particular dress code but if the team/coach wishes to define a team

norm that is acceptable.

Transportation: All players must arrange their own transportation to and from all games, practices, team events and tournaments.

Ice time: Team officials are solely responsible for selection of players and their utilization. All players will be given as much playing time as can be arranged in the best interests of the team. Each player has equal opportunity but not necessarily equal ice time.

Fees: All membership fees are payable to the Willowdale Sports Club prior to the start of the season. A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is required with the commitment form. The total amount of fees for a year are set by the coach in conjunction with the Club Officials. All players must pay the try out fees.

Team Sponsorship: Any team sponsorship monies are to assist the team and sponsors will not, in any way, acquire or assume any rights to team administration or to a player's involvement with the team.