

Westerville Warcats Hockey Association Alcohol and Drug Policy

Consistent with the mandates of USA Hockey's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy and in following the spirit of the Westerville City Schools policy with respect to drug and alcohol use in connection with extracurricular activities by student athletes, the Westerville Warcats Hockey Association ("WWHA") has adopted the following policy with respect to the use of alcohol and drugs by players:

1. Conduct involving Drugs and Alcohol during WWHA Programs.
 - a. Any player who is found by the Board of WWHA to have committed any of the following shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with Section 1(b) below:
 - i. Possession or use of Drugs during the WWHA Program, unless the player is currently under a doctor's care and the medication is required for treatment of an illness or injury.
 - ii. Being under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol during the WWHA Program.
 - iii. Possession of Alcohol during the WWHA Program.
 - b. First offense: Full season suspension and loss of captain/assistant captain letter/designation (if applicable) or eligibility. This suspension can be reduce to 20% of the season if the player provides credible evidence to the satisfaction of the WWHA Board that the player is undergoing treatment in relation to the offense.
2. Conduct involving Drugs and Alcohol outside of the WWHA Programs.
 - a. Any player who is suspended by his school or is convicted in a court of law for any of the following outside of the WWHA program shall be subject to the sanctions in accordance with Section 2(c) of this policy:
 - i. Possession or use of Drugs unless the player is currently under a doctor's care and the medication is required for treatment of an illness or injury.
 - ii. Being under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol.
 - iii. Abuse of Drugs or Alcohol.
 - b. Any player who is sanctioned/convicted for any offense under Section 2(a) shall promptly inform the President of the WWHA of such sanction/conviction. Failure to inform the President of such conduct shall be a separate and additional violation of this policy
 - c. WWHA Sanctions for Offenses Outside of the WWHA Program
 - i. First Offense: Three game suspension. At least two of the suspended games must be OSHL league games.
 - ii. Second Offense: 10 game suspension. At least five of the suspended games must be OSHL league games. In addition, the player and the player's parents must meet with the Board of WWHA.
 - iii. Third Offense: Removal from the team, loss of varsity letter for the current season (if applicable) and removal from the team year book.
 - iv. Any offense may carry with it temporary or permanent loss of, or eligibility for, captain/assistant captain letter/designation. The application

and duration of such loss (as well as reinstatement) will be determined by the respective head coach following consultation with the Board of WWHA.

- v. Any game suspension not completed during the then current season will be served in the following season, if applicable.
- vi. All game suspension must be served at the next available game, with league game suspension having to be served at the next available league game.

3. Definitions: For the purposes of this Policy:

- a. "Alcohol" shall include intoxicating beverages.
- b. "Drug" shall include the following:
 - i. Any controlled substances;
 - ii. Prescription or prescribed controlled substance when used to an excess in violation of doctor's orders, or to produce the state of intoxication in the participant; and
 - iii. Any mood altering or psychoactive substance that produces a state of intoxication in the participant.
- c. "WWHA Program" shall mean all practices, games, team off-ice events, hotel stays at tournaments or any other aspect of the programs sponsored or funded by WWHA.