

WESTERVILLE WARCATS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SEASON-ENDING INJURY POLICY

Unfortunately, injuries happen in high school hockey. As a registered USA Hockey member, your membership includes an excess accident coverage benefit. The details of this benefit can be found online at <https://www.usahockey.com/membershipbenefits>.

The Warcats organization understands how a season-ending injury can bring hardship to our families. As an organization, we offer an option for a player to be released from their financial contract in the event of a season-ending injury.

A season-ending injury is defined as any injury or health issue that prevents a player from participating in any league or non-league games, practices, scrimmages, or tournaments for the balance of the hockey season.

In order to claim this benefit, the WWHA will require a doctor's statement from a licensed physician stating that the nature of the injury is season ending.

Once a player is approved for release of financial contract responsibility, the player will no longer be allowed to participate in on-ice hockey events, i.e., practices, games, scrimmages, and tournaments. However, the Warcats Organization does encourage the player to attend all off-ice functions such as banquets, picnics, and meetings as well as participate as a spectator at games for team support.

Season-Ending Injuries do **NOT** include the following:

1. An injury which will keep the player out for anything less than the balance of the season
2. Academic suspension
3. Behavioral suspensions
4. Lack of ice time
5. Vacation
6. Quitting the team, and
7. Interference with other sporting activities.

If the player happens to recover from the injury ahead of schedule or recovers to the point of wanting to get back on the ice, the WWHA organization will require a doctors release from a licensed physician stating they are cleared to participate and to what extent the participation is limited to (e.g., light skating, no contact, no shooting, etc.)

In these instances, the financial contract will be reinstated for the month that the player is to start and subsequent months the player continues to participate, with first payment due before the player can return to any activities.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____