

# WESTERVILLE WARCATS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

The Westerville Warcats Hockey Association (WWHA) has adopted the following policy with respect to the use of alcohol and drugs by players. This policy is consistent with the mandates of the USA Hockey Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy and follows the spirit of the Westerville City Schools policy with respect to drug and alcohol use in connection with extracurricular activities by student athletes.

### 1.0 DEFINITIONS

**Alcohol:** any beverage which may produce a state of intoxication in the participant.

**Drug:** any controlled substance, 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 any mood altering or psychoactive substance that produces a state of intoxication in the participant.

**WWHA Program:** all practices, games, team off-ice events, hotel stays at tournaments or any other aspect of the programs sponsored or funded by the WWHA organization.

### 2.0 CONDUCT INVOLVING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS DURING WWHA SANCTIONED PROGRAMS

Any player who is found by the Board of WWHA to have committed any of the following alcohol and/or drug violations during a WWHA sanctioned program shall be subject to penalties in accordance with Section 2.2.

#### 2.1 Alcohol and Drug Violations

##### 2.1.1 Possession or use of alcohol and/or drugs during a WWHA Program

Unless the player is currently under a doctor's care and the drug is a medication required for treatment of an illness or injury, possession or use of drugs during a WWHA program will be in violation of the policy.

##### 2.1.2 Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs during a WWHA Program

#### 2.2 Penalties for Offenses which Occur during a WWHA Program

The following penalties will apply to the first offense of this alcohol and drug policy which occur during a WWHA Program.

##### 2.2.1 First and Only Offense

A first offense to any violations listed under Section 2.1 will result in a full season suspension. In addition to the full season suspension, the captain/assistant captain letter/designation eligibility, if applicable, will be revoked.

## **2.3 Reduction in Penalty**

### **2.3.1 Treatment Related to the Offense**

This suspension can be reduced 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

### **2.3.2 Self-reporting**

Self-reporting of conduct involving Drugs and Alcohol during WWHA Programs will result in 50% the penalty for first offense with exception to loss of captain/assistant captain letter/designation (if applicable) or eligibility.

## **3.0 CONDUCT INVOLVING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS OUTSIDE OF THE WWHA PROGRAMS**

Any player who is suspended by his school or is convicted in a court of law for any of the following alcohol and/or drug violations outside of the WWHA program shall be subject to penalties in accordance with Section 3.3.

### **3.1 Alcohol or Drug Violations**

#### **3.1.1 Possession or Use of Alcohol or Drugs**

Unless the player is currently under a doctor's care and the drug is a medication required for treatment of an illness or injury, possession or use of drugs will be in violation of the policy

#### **3.1.2 Being under the influence of Alcohol or Drugs**

#### **3.1.3 Abuse of Alcohol or Drug**

### **3.2 Notification of WWHA of the Offense**

Any player who is sanctioned/convicted for any offense under Section 3.1 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.

### **3.3 Penalties for Offenses for Incidents Which Occur Outside of the WWHA Program**

The following penalties will apply to each offense of this alcohol and drug policy which occur outside of the WWHA Program.

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

Any game suspension not completed during the then current season will be served in the following season, if applicable.

All game suspensions must be served at the next available game, with league game suspensions having to be served at the next available league game.

3.3.1 First Offense

A first offense to any violations listed under Section 3.1 will results in a three game suspension. At least two of the suspended games must be OSHL league games.

3.3.2 Second Offense

A second offense to any violations listed under Section 3.1 will results in a ten 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.

3.3.3 Third Offense

A third offense to any violations listed under Section 3.1 will result in removal from the team, loss of varsity letter for the current season (if applicable) and removal from the team yearbook.

**3.4 Reduction in Penalty**

3.4.1 Self-reporting

Self-reporting of conduct involving alcohol and drugs which occur outside of the WWHA Programs will result in 50% the penalty for first offense with exception to loss of captain/assistant captain letter/designation (if applicable) or eligibility.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_