



## Letter of Commitment 2020-2021 Hockey Season

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN UPDATED**

**Player:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please Print)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned parent or guardian of the player named above, agree to commit the player named above to West Haven Youth Hockey (WHYH) for the **2020-2021** Hockey Season.

I understand and acknowledge that, by making this commitment, the player named above has been selected for the WHYH \_\_\_\_\_ Team and is obligated to play for the WHYH Program for the **2020-2021 Season**. I further acknowledge that I am obligated to pay a **\$500.00 nonrefundable deposit** (separate from tryout fee) towards the applicable season fee for the **2020-2021 Hockey Season** within 24 hours of receiving this Letter of Commitment if received prior to the last tryout, or if received at the last tryout immediately upon receipt of this Letter of Commitment. I also understand and acknowledge that I will be obligated to pay the remaining balance for the full fee for the **2020-2021 Season** as set forth by West Haven Youth Hockey.

This commitment does not constitute a guarantee of playing time, nor of equal playing time, and that all decisions regarding playing time shall be determined solely by the Coaching Staff in their complete discretion. Skill and effectiveness in both practices and games are determining factors to playing time although not an exhaustive list of components determining playing time. The player and parent understand that part of the player development process may include placement on any appropriate team operated by the WHYH Organization.

The name of the team does not indicate the level of play or the amount of season fees. The coach and organization decide the level of competition the team will play based on the assessment of the skill level of the team.

By signing this Letter of Commitment, the parent/guardian acknowledges and accepts that by executing this Letter of Commitment, they are committing to the financial and structural stability of WHYH Association and agree to honor their financial and team obligations, including but not limited to, remaining on with the WHYH Program for the duration of the 2020-2021 Hockey Season, and agree not to move to any other Member or Non-Member Program unless, by mutual consent, they are properly released. Please be advised that this includes the two (2) designated Tier I Programs in CHC (CT Wolf Pack and Mid Fairfield Youth Hockey) and no release will be granted merely because a player committed under this Letter of Commitment has been selected after signing for an acknowledged Tier I Program. Notwithstanding CHC Rule (Addendum 3 - Tier I Rules (7)) to the contrary, WHYH will not grant a release to any player(s) for Tier I play. This is to maintain structural integrity in the selection process for teams affiliated with WHYH and is consistent with the USA Hockey Rules regarding recruitment and once a signed Letter of Commitment would constitute tampering and/or improper participant communication and be subject to appropriate disciplinary action which WHYH would enforce.

Pursuant to CHC Rules on Commitment Letters: Any player who refuses to participate with WHYH and cannot obtain a proper release must sit out the remainder of the season. Players who sit out remain obligated to satisfy any outstanding financial obligations (including but not limited to the season fee, equipment fee, attire fee, tournament fee, etc.) and obtain a proper release prior to registering with any new program in any ensuing season. Players who sit out all or a portion of a season are not entitled to any partial or full refunds or program fees or expenses.

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Any lawyer or legal fees, that result from legal action to collect any outstanding debts, will be the responsibility of the member or party that owes the original debt. In addition, any member or party that brings legal action against WHYH, will be responsible for any lawyer or legal fees billed to WHYH as a result of that legal action. Once legal action is initiated by any member or party, that member and any family members will be immediately suspended from all WHYH activities until such legal action is settled. The WHYH BOD will have the final authority to determine when and if the member and or family members will be reinstated.

I further acknowledge that, once I make this commitment, the player named above is prohibited from playing for any other Connecticut Hockey Conference (CHC) team unless I have satisfied the full financial obligation to WHYH consistent with the CHC by-laws and this Letter of Commitment. I acknowledge that by signing this Letter of Commitment I am acknowledging that I have read and understand that WHYH Association's Letter of Commitment is a more stringent interpretation of the Release Policy and agree to abide by this Letter of Commitment and its terms.

**Accepted and Agreed:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Parent or Guardian's Signature)*

**WHYH Agreed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Season Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit:** \$500.00

**Balance Due:** \_\_\_\_\_