

MARATHON COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

PARENTS RULES

The Marathon County Youth Hockey Association is dedicated to the development of hockey skills and attitudes of area youth for the purpose of fielding competitive teams and to benefit our Wausau high school programs. We expect our players to strive to the highest standards both for playing skills and conduct both on and off the field.

Consistent with this purpose:

Parents, **do not** force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.

Parents, encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.

Parents, do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.

Parents, emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age group.

Parents should know and study the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the ice. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.

Parents, applaud a good effort in victory and in defeat and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice - it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth hockey.

Parents, recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.

Parents, if you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the game and volunteer!

As parents we represent not only our children, but also Marathon County Youth Hockey Association. Our behavior at practices, home and away hockey games, other hockey arenas, tournaments, restaurants, motels, hockey camps, fund raisers and other hockey activities reflects on the Marathon County Youth Hockey Association. Some hockey associations are having trouble scheduling games with other associations and finding places to stay when traveling. Let's not let that happen to MCYHA!

I have read these rules and agree to abide by them at all times that my child is associated with MCYHA.

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