

# **CODE OF CONDUCT & FAIR PLAY POLICY**

**FAIR PLAY IS AN ATTITUDE THAT SHOWS ITSELF IN BEHAVIOUR.**

*WRAC strives to create a standard of play and behaviour that creates a rewarding, safe environment for all athletes.*

**SHOW RESPECT FOR OTHERS** - hold your opponents and game officials in high esteem for without them there would be no game.

**SPORTSMANSHIP** - demonstrate fairness, recognize and appreciate excellence in performance and attitude regardless of team affiliation.

**RESPECT FOR RULES** - Respect and follow the written and unwritten rules (and the spirit of those rules).

**FRIENDSHIP & TEAM SPIRIT** - promote fellowship within the ringette community not just your own team.

**FAIR COMPETITION** - be part of a just competition; be as cooperative as you are competitive. ***Recognize teams are a mix of levels and play with your best ability to the level you are playing against.***

**EQUALITY** - share the sport with others, regardless of creed, ethnicity or ability.

**INTEGRITY** - do the 'right' thing, show grace when winning, good humour when losing.

**SOLIDARITY** - be allies with one another, we are all here for the love of the sport.

**TOLERANCE** - acknowledge, accept, and respect differences.

**CARE** - maintain self-control at all times, be considerate of others.

All athletes are expected to adhere to the WRAC Team Conduct Policies (WRAC Rules, Section H).

If a formal complaint is registered that a player has played or behaved in an unsporting manner, they could be subject to a warning and/or fines, and further suspended or ejected from the league, with no refund.

Team Captains are the only one who can approach a referee or an opposing captain regarding concerns surrounding the game. It is your own responsibility to let the captain know of any concerns.

**PLAYING IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT**

-----

# CODE OF CONDUCT & FAIR PLAY POLICY

## TEAM CONDUCT (Section H, Operating Rules and Guidelines)

1. Profanity by players, team officials or league representatives will not be tolerated and will result in appropriate disciplinary action.
2. Every registered player shall be always held strictly accountable to the WRAC Board for their conduct. They are responsible for preventing disorderly conduct of themselves and their teammates before and after games or practices, on or off the ice and at any places in or about the rink.
3. Individuals or Teams whose unsporting behavior causes any part of the game to be brought into disrepute will be subject to the WRAC Penalty Process. Unsportsmanlike (or unsporting) behavior occurs by unexpected or unprecedented behavior that offends the spirit of the game and can be directed against opponents, colleagues, officials, spectators or facility staff.

### WRAC Penalty Process

- 1<sup>st</sup> infraction will result in a formal warning by the WRAC Board,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction will result in a WRAC Board Hearing with the team manager and responsible party and may result in a \$100 fine.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> infraction will result in suspension for the rest of the season.  
*\*repeat offenders (season over season) may be subject to expulsion from WRAC.*

4. Teams will be required to follow the WRAC Fair Play Policy. The Policy will be outlined and provided at the beginning of each season and all athletes will be required to sign, acknowledge, and agree to the terms and conditions prior to registration.
5. If the WRAC Board is of the opinion that a team is being assessed too many penalties of a serious nature, then the Team Manager or Player(s) or any combination thereof, are liable to the WRAC Penalty Process as failure to control their team/themselves.
6. The WRAC Board will not tolerate any abuse of any kind by a Player, or Manager of any league or game officials and such abuse will render that individual liable to suspension at the discretion of the WRAC Board.

When issues or concerns arise throughout the season, WRAC urges all players and teams to follow the following communication channel:

- Address your concerns with your team manager or representative.
- If the issue is not resolved, address the concern with the appropriate WRAC Board member.
- If you feel the issue is still not resolved, please address the concern with the WRAC President.

***By registering, you acknowledge and agree with the WRAC Fair Play Policy, and WRAC Team Conduct Policy.***