



WMHA Punctuality and Attendance Policy

Time on the ice is the largest expense of minor hockey associations in Northeastern Ontario. This commodity - time - is also the most important contribution of nearly 100 volunteers throughout the hockey season. To demonstrate respect for our volunteers, players, families and to ensure a quality hockey experience for all, this policy outlines the association's expectations for punctuality and attendance.

- WMHA players are expected to attend all practices and games. In case of illness and other obligations, parents/players should notify the bench staff of their absence as soon as possible via email or Team Snap.
- Players should be in the dressing room at least 30 minutes before the scheduled ice time. Players who require more time to get dressed (e.g. younger players, or goalies) should plan to arrive earlier, as required.
- Players will be ready at least 10 minutes before the practice or game. The last 10 minutes before a game are protected for team building and instruction from bench staff.
- Players or their parents/guardians will communicate a late arrival to the head coach of as soon as it is clear they will not be ready on time. The coach should be contacted directly using the method agreed upon at the start of the season so that proper arrangements can be made. Absent players and those failing to provide notice that they will be late could be excluded from the game sheet.
- Coaching staff will follow up with any player missing more than 3 games and/or practices without notification of absence. The coaching staff may use time on the bench during a game to teach concepts or strategies missed during the player's absence.