

Park District of Oak Park Huskies



Zero Tolerance Policy

In an effort to make ice hockey a more rewarding experience for all participants, AHAI has instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials, administrators, and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during, and after all USA Hockey sanctioned games. Thus the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all On-Ice Referees and Linesmen.

Players

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision made by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision.

Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such actions.

Coaches

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision made by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to any one at any time.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision, including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players, or spectators.

Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such actions.

Officials

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial, and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as “baiting” or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. On-ice officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with responsibility in mind.

Parents/spectators

The game will be stopped by on ice officials when the parents/spectators are displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior, interfere with other spectators, or interfere with the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing the parents/spectators from the viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replayed and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

1. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to any one at any time.
2. Taunting players, coaches, officials, or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of violence, or physical violence itself.
3. Throwing any object in the spectator’s viewing area, players bench, penalty box, or on the ice surface, directed in any manner to create a safety hazard.

Equal Opportunity Policy

USA Hockey shall provide an equal opportunity to armature athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate.