



USA HOCKEY ZERO TOLERANCE COACHES

USA Hockey and Massachusetts Hockey are committed to creating a safe and fair environment for all participants. Respect for the game, the opponents, coaches and officials is a critical part of the environment that is created. This Zero Tolerance Policy summarizes required actions to be taken when violations occur.

All players, coaches, officials, team officials, and administrators, and parents/spectators are required 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 USA Hockey participants and spectators.

Coaches

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene, profane or abusive language to anyone at any time.
3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing on the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators.

Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, he/she shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

In addition, any coach who uses language that is offensive, hateful, or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during, or after the game shall be penalized under Rule 601(e3) resulting in a Match Penalty. Such behavior is reprehensible and has absolutely no place in our game. The offender shall be immediately suspended until a hearing is conducted by the governing USA Hockey Affiliate or Junior League.

I have read and reviewed the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy for Coaches.

Signature

Date

Print name & Email Address