



USA HOCKEY ZERO TOLERANCE PLAYERS

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.

Players

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

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official
2. Taunts or incites an opponent.
3. Visually creates a disturbance during the game.

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

In addition, any player 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 Players.

Signature

Date

Print name & Email Address