



CHIEFS HOCKEY CLUB ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY

In an effort to promote healthy youth hockey and ensure compliance with league rules AHAI, the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois, has directed every club to increase its emphasis on the Zero-Tolerance policy. While the Chiefs have always supported this policy, we are now publishing, reviewing, and distributing these guidelines to ensure that every Chiefs participant fully understands Zero-Tolerance. It's important to remember that the actions of each and every one of us reflect upon the whole organization. We're proud of Chiefs and especially proud of our players, coaches and families. Let's work to build our reputation as one of the best youth hockey organizations in the state.

Zero-Tolerance is simply that; no inappropriate behavior will be tolerated at any time by anyone associated with youth hockey, and disciplinary action will be taken to enforce this policy. All players, coaches, and spectators, are required to conduct themselves appropriately in order to promote the values of good sportsmanship and make ice hockey a desirable and rewarding experience for all participants. The Chiefs Hockey Club will take action to ensure that no participant is abusive to officials or other participants. Any inappropriate conduct could result in ejection from the rink, a team suspension, or game forfeiture.

In addition, violators can be required to appear before the Chiefs Rules and Conduct Committee, or Rules and Conduct committees of the NWHL or AHAI and subject to additional suspension or other action. The Chiefs can institute disciplinary action even if no penalty is called by the referee.

AHAI is instructing officials to implement the following actions relating to Zero-Tolerance:

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) 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 action.

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 or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at anytime.
- 3) Visually displays 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 game misconduct penalty.

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 this responsibility in mind.

SPECTATORS/PARENTS

On-ice officials will stop the game when the spectators/parents displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing the spectators/parents from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the Chiefs, the NWHL, AHA and other authorities. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- 1) Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at anytime.
- 2) Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
- 3) Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players' bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

Any questions, concerns or comments should be directed to VP of Chiefs Hockey, who chairs the Chiefs Rules and Conduct Committee, at vicepresident@chiefshockey.org or call the Chiefs Hot Line 630-415-2443.

Player: _____

Parent: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____