

MISF Zero Tolerance Policy

In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior, and Adult Councils have 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 and administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all MISF-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 by an official
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including and swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrate 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.
4. A game misconduct carries a automatic 2 game suspension. MISF has the right to add/extend game suspensions.

Parents/Spectators

The game will be stopped by an on-ice official when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The on-ice official will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectators 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 local governing body.

This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
- 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.

In addition to the above players and parents will not damage, in any way, any portion of the arena facilities or grounds. I understand that the arena facilities are privately owned. (If I am caught intentionally damaging any portion of the facilities, I understand that I will be required to make proper restitution for such damage and that I may be arrested for destruction of property.)

Print Player Name

Player Signature

Date