

## OFFICIALS

Several negative aspects of today's society have been creeping into Ice Hockey with alarming frequency. The number of verbal and physical assaults against players, coaches, parents, and officials has reached staggering numbers

The FAHA board has adopted a ZERO TOLERANCE Policy regarding verbal abuse. This policy has been developed by USA hockey to make our sport a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact a FAHA board member through our website, [FINDLAYHOCKEY.COM](http://FINDLAYHOCKEY.COM)

Officials must apply these guidelines in a realistic manner and must be careful not to get overly technical in their enforcement. This policy is designed to eliminate direct confrontation with officials while still allowing players an avenue to communicate in a calm and reasonable fashion.

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike and non-vindictive fashion at all times. The actions of an Official must be beyond reproach. Actions such as baiting or inciting players or coaches is strictly prohibited.



## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

**VERBAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE OF  
OFFICIALS, PLAYERS, COACHES  
AND PARENTS**

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## PLAYERS

Will be assessed at least a minor and possibly a game misconduct penalty for;

Arguing with an official, using any obscene gestures or language (even if not directed at any particular individual), or creates a travesty of the game with any physical action that embarrasses the official.

Players will also be subject to further discipline from their coaches or a hearing in front of the FAHA board for any actions that are embarrassing in any way to FAHA.

## COACHES

Will be assessed at least a minor and possibly a game misconduct penalty for;

Arguing with an official, using any obscene gestures or language (even if not directed at any particular individual), or visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction that openly embarrasses an official or challenges his/her judgment.

Coaches will also be subject to further discipline from the FAHA board for any actions that are detrimental in perpetuating the enjoyment of our sport by his/her players. This includes inappropriate discipline measures, yelling or swearing at/around players, etc.

## PARENTS/SPECTATORS

The game will be stopped by the On-Ice Officials when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior or interfere with other parents/spectators or the game. The violators will be removed from the viewing/game area. Once removed, play will be resumed and curfew rules enforced. The violator will be subject to further repercussions after a hearing with the FAHA board.

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