

Huskies Hockey Club R&E and AHAI

**Parent Information Meeting
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Agenda

- Rules and Ethics Committee Overview
- Zero Tolerance Policy
- 24-Hour Rule
- Social Media Policy
- Locker Room Etiquette / Best Practices
- AHAI Updated Rules & Regulations
- Q&A

Rules & Ethics Committee Overview

R&E Committee Overview

- The R & E Committee is appointed for the purpose of investigating and submitting findings with respect to alleged violations by corporation members, players, coaches, employees or agents of any applicable by-laws, rules and regulations, and/or policies, whether promulgated by the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA), the Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL), Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL), USA Hockey, the corporation, or other governing body having jurisdiction over the corporation, and its members, coaches, and players.
- Suspensions and/or Disciplinary Hearings shall be conducted pursuant to USA Hockey By-Laws and Rules in effect at the time of the alleged violation or rule infraction. The current USA Hockey By-Laws and Rules can be found on the USA Hockey website in the annual guide.

Zero Tolerance Policy

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- The Huskies Hockey Club, Inc., in conjunction with its Rules and Ethics Committee, is a summarized supplement to The Huskies Hockey Club Rules and Regulations posted on the Club's website.
- Each parent, player, and participant has a duty to act responsibly and within the overall mission of The Huskies Hockey Club, USA Hockey, AHAI, and other governing bodies of youth hockey. The Huskies Hockey Club continues to vigorously strive for the highest standards of sportsmanship in ice hockey.
- Every participant, whether player, coach, referee, official, administrator, parent, or spectator has the responsibility to comply with and respect Zero Tolerance and to behave in a respectable manner.
- We are committed to enforcement, in accordance with the regulations adopted by USA Hockey and the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA), and each league we participate in.
- Zero Tolerance essentially means that everyone involved in ice hockey shall act in a respectful and sportsmanship-like manner so that ice hockey will be a strongly desirable and rewarding experience and that disrespectful and/or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Loss of self-control is NEVER acceptable.

Zero Tolerance Policy (Cont'd)

- *Players shall not:*
 1. Openly dispute or argue with the decision of an official, coach, administrator, spectator, or player whether on the ice or off the ice.
 2. Use obscene, vulgar, or racial language at any time, even if not directed at a particular person.
 3. Make any intentional physical contact with the body, puck, stick, or equipment of another player after the whistle has blown or the buzzer has sounded.
 4. Taunt any other player, coach, official, administrator, or spectator.
 5. Encourage abusive or unsportsmanlike behavior in any player, coach, official, administrator, or spectator.
 6. Continue to engage in zero-tolerance conduct once advised not to do so. Also, players must voluntarily leave a facility once advised to do so by an official, administrator, or security personnel.
 7. Engage in off-ice physical violence or fighting or abusive physical contact.

Zero Tolerance Policy (Cont'd)

- *Parents & Spectators shall not:*
 1. Use obscene or vulgar language at any time toward any official, player, coach, or spectator.
 2. Verbally dispute, argue, or protest an official's decision. No taunting or ridiculing of officials will be tolerated.
 3. Taunt, ridicule, provoke, bait, or threaten players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
 4. Return to the facility after being ejected.
 5. Engage in any actions that require the use of third parties to control the conduct of the situation such as rink personnel, league personnel, or security personnel.
- Enforcement of zero tolerance may be determined by the game official and can be subject to further review by the HHC Rules and Ethics Committee. Each case will be reviewed and further penalties may be issued by USA Hockey, AHAI or the league in which the team participates. Penalties will be assessed based on the determination of Class 1, Class 2 or Class 3.

24-Hour Rule

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- The Huskies Hockey Club subscribes to the “24 Hour Rule” policy with regard to the reporting of a complaint or issue of concern.
 1. There shall be no contact with any member of the coaching staff regarding an issue of concern before, during or after a hockey game for a 24 hour period following the occurrence of the issue or concern.
 2. Should there be an issue of concern after the 24 hour period has passed, the parent shall contact the Team Manager and schedule a meeting which shall be documented and attended by the team manager and coaching staff. The meeting shall be confidential and should the coaching staff feel the manager’s attendance improper, they shall utilize the assistant coaches to document the meeting. These documents shall be maintained by the coach for future reference should the need arise.
 3. Should a satisfactory result not be accomplished by the meeting, the Huskies Hockey Director shall be notified and meet with the parties and report to the board of directors based on the need.
 4. Should the matter be unresolved after the coach and hockey directors meetings, the board of directors rules and ethics committee shall be notified and will schedule a meeting or respond in writing based on the complaint content.
 5. Should this rule be violated, the suspension under the Zero Tolerance policy is 30 days.
- Appeals of any Huskies Hockey Club committee decisions may be made to the Board of Directors. The appeal must be submitted to the President of the HHC in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of the committee decisions.

Social Media Policy

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- The Huskies Hockey Club ("Club") is dedicated to fostering a positive and respectful environment for all members, coaches, and their families both on and off the ice. In order to uphold our values of "leadership, commitment, and outstanding character," we require strict adherence to the following social media and electronic communications policy as a condition of participation in the Club:

1. Respectful and Responsible Communication

- 1.1. All Club members, coaches, and their families are expected to engage in electronic communications, including social media, in a respectful and responsible manner. Communication should demonstrate integrity, sportsmanship, and positive representation of the Club.
- 1.2. Communications should never be derogatory, hateful, vengeful, or otherwise disrespectful towards the Club, its members, coaches, or any other person associated with the Club or any other hockey club or organization.
- 1.3. It is strictly prohibited to engage in any form of electronic communication that may harm the goodwill or reputation of the Club, its members, coaches, or any other person associated with the Club or any other hockey club or organization.

Social Media Policy (Cont'd)

2. Anti-Bullying and Harassment

- 2.1. Sending text messages, emails, or any other electronic communication with the intent to abuse, bully, humiliate, or harass any Club member, coach, or any other individual associated with the Club or any other hockey club or organization is strictly forbidden.
- 2.2. Any form of cyberbullying, including sharing harmful content, spreading rumors, or engaging in online attacks, will not be tolerated within the Club.

3. Communication Review and Sanctions

- 3.1. The Club's Rules and Ethics Committee will oversee and review all reported incidents related to electronic communications and social media behavior that may violate this policy.
- 3.2. If any communication is found to be in violation of this policy, appropriate sanctions will be determined by the Rules and Ethics Committee. Sanctions may range from warnings and probation to suspension or, in severe cases, expulsion from the Club.
- 3.3. The Club reserves the right to report serious incidents to the appropriate hockey governing bodies, such as AHAI or SafeSport if necessary.

Social Media Policy (Cont'd)

4. Personal Social Media Accounts

- 4.1. While individuals are free to maintain personal social media accounts, they are reminded to be mindful of their public image and to avoid representing the Club or its official positions without authorization.
- 4.2. When discussing Club-related matters on personal accounts, individuals must clearly state that their views do not represent the official stance of the Club.

5. Reporting Incidents

- 5.1. Any Club member who witnesses or experiences electronic communication or social media behavior that violates this policy is encouraged to report the incident to a Club official or the Rules and Ethics Committee promptly.
- 5.2. All reports will be treated with strict confidentiality, and no individual will face retaliation for reporting an incident in good faith.
- By adhering to this Social Media and Electronic Communications Policy, we aim to maintain a positive and respectful environment within the Huskies Hockey Club. It is essential for all members, coaches, and families to uphold these guidelines to ensure the well-being of our Club community.
- Please also remember that there is absolutely no videos or photos to be taken in the locker room.

Locker Room Etiquette / Best Practices

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- No players shall be allowed access to the locker room unless a NCSI background screened/Safe Sport trained locker room monitor is present in the locker room.
- If a single player is present, the locker room should be monitored by at least two adults until additional players arrive.
- If there is only one adult present, whether a coach or volunteer parent, they should wait for multiple players to arrive before allowing access to the locker room.
- The same strategies should be applied after practice with a monitor staying until the last player leaves, and at no time should one adult be alone in the locker room with one player, unless the player is their own child.
- While USA Hockey expressly prefers that locker room monitors remain inside the locker room while Participants are present, if the monitor is “in the immediate vicinity outside the locker room (near the door within arm’s length and so that the monitor can sufficiently hear inside the locker room) who also regularly and frequently enters the locker room to monitor activity inside,” the Member Program is in compliance.

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Parents / Spectators

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- A game will be stopped by on-ice officials when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate or disruptive behavior interfere with other parents/spectators or the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the parents/spectators' viewing and game area.

22.1.14.2

- Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced. Violators will incur a minimum mandatory 5-game suspension from that team's games and may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body.

Additional Areas and Comments



Abuse of
Officials



Penalties



Players



Coaches



Officials

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Q&A



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