

51.0 CODE OF CONDUCT AND ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

51.1 Membership and participation in the Association's activities is a privilege not a right. Members, players and participants are required to abide by the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of the Association, and behavior is expected to mirror the spirit of the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, and this Code.

51.2 All members and participants of the Association shall respect other members, officials, parent/guardians, players, fans, team officials, volunteers, Executive Board of Directors members, employees and property of the Association. Any inappropriate conduct, threats, harassment or abuse (including the use of profanity) directed towards game or team officials, members, parent/guardians, players, fans, volunteers, Executive Board of Directors members, employee or damage to the property of the Association or of another association will not be tolerated.

51.3 All members, fans and participants of the Association shall respect the game of hockey and shall behave in a manner so as not to make a travesty of the game.

51.4 The Association will not tolerate loud, obscene, obnoxious Coaches, Managers, Assistants, Players, Parent/guardians, or Fans. Such individuals will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the disciplinary section of this handbook.

51.5 Parent/guardians and fans are not permitted in the dressing rooms except as expressly permitted by the respective Category Director and/or Coach to assist their child in changing before or after a game.

51.6 In no circumstances is a parent/guardian or fan to enter the opposing teams dressing room.

51.7 Officials are not to be consulted regarding any suspendable infraction.

51.8 Violation by any member, fan or participant of any provision of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Association against such individual as provided in the Bylaws or the Operational Policies and Procedures of the Association.

51.9 Any player, parent, or spectator found to be participating in harassment or abuse of any kind (including, but not limited to cyber-bullying, emails, social-media chatter or texting) will be dealt with immediately and will face disciplinary action as follows:

a) First Offence: automatic 3 game suspension

b) Second Offence: (minimum) suspension to be determined by an in-person hearing