



Greetings Aberdeen Hockey Players, Parents, and Fans,

Our hockey season is off to a great start this year. Our state league teams are actively competing to lock in their seed for their respective SDAHA state tournament.

We welcome all fans to the Odde Ice Center to cheer on our teams. There is nothing more fun or rewarding for our players than playing for a large energetic crowd.

However, we need to make sure all fans are representing Aberdeen in a positive light. It has come up statewide that organizations should communicate expectations and policies for appropriate fan behavior, to support the mission of USA Hockey in providing a safe, fun, and competitive experience with youth hockey.

The game officials will stop a game when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

1. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner towards anyone at any time.
2. Taunting of players, coaches, officials, or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threats of physical violence or actual physical violence
3. Throwing of any object in the spectator's viewing area, player's bench, penalty box, ice surfaces, or any other area inside the rink directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard. Spitting at players, officials (off ice, minor officials, or on-ice officials), or fans/spectators is also prohibited.
4. Touching, pounding, or hanging on the glass boards of the rink

**Spectators not abiding by these rules may be removed from the facility with or without warning.**

We want to ensure a great fan experience for all spectators and urge you to cheer loud and proud for your team in an appropriate manner. Please help us in making our ice rink the best place in South Dakota to watch hockey by displaying respectful behaviors!

LET'S GO COUGARS!

Duke Witte- AHA President