

CIHA, District 10 & USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy

CIHA continues to vigorously strive for the highest standards of sportsmanship in ice hockey. Every participant; whether player, coach, referee, administrator, parent, or spectator, has a responsibility to comply with and support Zero Tolerance and to behave in a respectable manner.

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 control is NEVER acceptable.

Education and enforcement begin at the local association level. Every association is required to take a strong stand against Zero Tolerance violations and aggressively enforce stated penalties.

Zero Tolerance Classifications

(Including, but not limited to the following examples)

Class 1

Inappropriate verbal and non-verbal abuse not covered in Class 2 or Class 3 during CIHA related functions and activities.

Class 2

1. Confrontation or reaction to specific events or triggers during CIHA related functions or activities.
2. Open disputing or arguing with the decision of an official, administrator, spectator, or player, whether on or off the ice.
3. Obscene or vulgar language or the use of a physical act which is vulgar or obscene, or swearing.
4. Encouraging abusive or unsportsmanlike behavior in any player, coach, official, administrator or spectator.
5. Taunting or ridiculing of officials, coaches, players, administrators, or spectators.
6. Throwing of any object directed in the spectator's viewing area, at a person, in the playing area (including the bench area), the ice or as to create the potential of a safety hazard or issue.
7. Intentional physical contact using the body or stick after the whistle is blown or the buzzer has sounded.
8. Not stopping Zero Tolerance conduct once advised to do so.
9. Not voluntarily leaving a facility once advised to do so by an official, administrator, or security.

Class 3

1. Off-ice physical violence or fighting, or abusive physical contact while the person is upset or angry.
2. Threats of any nature.
3. Retaining in the facility after being ejected.
4. Any actions that require the use of third parties to control the conduct or situation, such as rink personnel, league personnel, or security personnel.

Zero Tolerance Penalties

General

1. Penalties listed are minimum and may be more severe, as in the case of aggravating circumstances or multiple offenses or may remain at minimum if there are mitigating circumstances.
2. Suspensions and any appeals must comply with USA Hockey and Minnesota Hockey By-laws, Rules, and Regulations.

Classifications

Class 1 Violation –

- Consequences generally handled within each association with documentation required.

Class 2 Violation

- 1st occurrence - Minimum suspension 3 games; 5 games for those in an official capacity (Board member, coach, manager, etc.)
- 2nd occurrence – Minimum suspensions at least doubled (6-10 games as above)
- 3rd occurrence - Minimum 30-day suspension

Class 3 Violation

- Minimum one-year suspension. Refer directly to District 10 officials.