

CIHA, District 10 & USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy

District 10 adheres to and enforces a zero-tolerance policy. The policy requires all players, coaches, officials, District 10 Board Members, Association Board Members, Parents and Spectators, to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all District 10 scrimmages, games and tournaments.

This includes, and is not limited to, abusive behavior, harassment, bullying, obscene language or gestures, verbal abuse, threats of physical abuse and/or actual physical abuse.

If a spectator(s) conduct becomes so abusive that, in referee(s) opinion, it is distracting from the game or inciting players, the referee(s) will stop the game, with the clock continuing to run, until the spectator is removed from the arena, before the game play will resume. No added time will be added to the clock for the allotted game time for the time lost for removing a spectator(s) from the arena.

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. Open disputing or arguing with the decision of an official, administrator, spectator, or player, whether on or off the ice.
2. Obscene or vulgar language or the use of a physical act which is vulgar or obscene, or swearing.
3. Encouraging abusive or unsportsmanlike behavior in any player, coach, official, administrator or spectator.
4. Taunting or ridiculing of officials, coaches, players, administrators, or spectators.
5. 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.
6. Intentional physical contact using the body or stick after the whistle is blown or the buzzer has sounded.
7. Not stopping Zero Tolerance conduct once advised to do so.
8. 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.
2. Physical threats of any nature.
3. Remaining 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 Bylaws, 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 or 1 week.
- 2nd occurrence – Minimum suspensions at least doubled 6 games or 2 weeks.
- 3rd occurrence - 12 games or 30-day suspension.

Class 3 Violation

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