

Detroit Lakes Youth Hockey Association (DLYHA) - Rules of Decorum for Public Participation in Board Meetings

The Detroit Lakes Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors will provide an Open Forum period at the beginning of each regularly scheduled board meeting. The Board may, by majority vote, suspend the Open Forum period, change its placement on the agenda, or take other action deemed in the best interest of the Association.

Except during the Open Forum period, comments from members of the public attending a DLYHA Board meeting are not permitted.

Open Forum Participation

Individuals wishing to speak during the Open Forum period must:

- Contact the DLYHA Board at least one (1) week prior to the meeting with the following information:
 - Name
 - Topic or subject matter to be addressed
- Be recognized by the Board President or Vice President before speaking.

Speakers must be present at the meeting to address the Board. The use of audio recordings, video recordings, or other presentation methods during the Open Forum period is not permitted.

Time Limits

The Open Forum period will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes total. Each speaker will be limited to five (5) minutes. The President or Vice President may adjust the time allotted to speakers when necessary.

Coaching Concerns

Concerns regarding coaching should be directed to the DLYHA Hockey Director prior to bringing the matter before the Board.

Meeting Conduct

All individuals attending or speaking at a DLYHA Board meeting must conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner. Disruptive behavior—including but not limited to threatening behavior, yelling, or loud and obstructive conduct—will not be tolerated.

If disruptive behavior occurs, the individual may be warned and asked to leave the meeting. Another person may speak on their behalf if necessary.

Board Response to Open Forum Comments

Comments on an issue that is or may be discussed during Open Forum must be made only during the Open Forum period.

As a general practice, the Board will not take action on issues raised during Open Forum. Matters presented may be reviewed and discussed by the Board after the meeting has been closed to the public if further consideration is required.

Board members will not engage in dialogue or debate with speakers during Open Forum. Board members may ask questions only for clarification purposes. The Open Forum period is intended for receiving public input, not for problem-solving or immediate responses.

Enforcement

Speakers or attendees who do not follow these rules or the directions of the President or Vice President will receive a warning. Continued violations or disruptive conduct may result in removal from the meeting.

The President or Vice President may modify these rules on a case-by-case basis when necessary. If the President or Vice President fails to enforce these rules, the remaining Board members may, by majority vote, take appropriate action to maintain order and decorum during the meeting.