



## **Owensboro Youth Hockey Association Zero Tolerance Spectator Conduct Policy**

### **PURPOSE**

This Zero Tolerance Spectator Conduct Policy, (hereinafter "Policy"), aims to eliminate inappropriate, disruptive and abusive behavior by spectators directed at game officials, players, coaches, spectators and other participants during Owensboro Youth Hockey Association, (hereinafter "OYHA"), sanction events.

A spectator shall include any parent, sibling, family member of a participant or fan of an OYHA team or Association, (hereinafter "Spectator"). Should any Spectator be removed from a USAH sanctioned event or later be found to have used inappropriate, disruptive and abusive behavior (described below in Items 1 through 3, (hereinafter "Abusive Conduct"), towards officials, players, coaches, spectators or other participants at a USAH sanctioned event, that Spectator shall be subject to disciplinary action as prescribed below.

1. Use of obscene, profane, or abusive language or gestures towards officials, players, coaches, spectators, or other participants.
2. Taunting of officials, players, coaches, spectators, or other participants by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
3. Throwing any object in the spectators' viewing area, players' bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

Spectators shall be subject to the following disciplinary action whether the removal is by a game official, security personnel, facility personnel, or Association personnel, or if the alleged Abusive Conduct is investigated after the fact by the Association and/or USAH and found to be true in accordance with the following evidentiary standard. If, after removal or upon investigation after the fact, such alleged Abusive Conduct is found to have occurred by a preponderance of evidence, the following disciplinary action shall be imposed on the Spectator(s) that were removed and/or found to have committed Abusive Conduct during an USAH sanctioned event.



### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

First Offense – suspension from all events involving the Association of fourteen (14) days

Second Offense – suspension from all events involving the Association of thirty (30) days

All suspension periods shall run from the date of the incident in question.

### **DESIGNATION OF SPECTATOR MONITOR**

Each Team in OYHA shall be required to designate a volunteer(s) to serve as a parent/spectator monitor during all USAH sanctioned events. This designated monitor will address inappropriate spectator behavior prior to the situation escalating to the point it has an impact on the game by notifying security personnel and/or facility personnel.

This designated monitor shall have the full support of OYHA to call on facility management and/or game security to remove any spectator in violation of this Policy.

The team manager shall be responsible to oversee the parent/spectator monitors for the Association.

### **REPORTING**

Allegations of Abusive Conduct shall be reported using the attached Incident Report Form. The identity of reporters will be kept confidential. However, reporters must provide their name and valid contact information. Anonymous reports, especially those presented without corroborating evidence such as video, may or may not be acted upon at the sole discretion of OYHA.

OYHA will move forward all Spectator Incident Report Forms to the Mid-AM District ([administrator@midamhockey.com](mailto:administrator@midamhockey.com)) for establishment of a record regarding the incident alleged.



**Owensboro Youth Hockey Association  
Zero Tolerance Spectator Incident Report**

Date/Time of Incident:

Location (Rink):

Game #:

Team (Home):

Team (Away):

Security on Site (if applicable):

Description of Incident (please provide a detailed description):

Did incident involve a player, coach, spectator, or referee?

Were the police called?

Is so, what is the report number?

Was anyone injured?

Was an ambulance called?

**Individuals Involved in Incident**

Name:

Name:

Email:

Email:

Phone Number:

Phone Number:



Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

**Individual Reporting Incident (CONFIDENTIAL)**

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:



Name:

Email:

Phone Number: