

Potomac Patriots Travel Program Discipline Policy Regarding Abusive Behavior

The Potomac Patriots Hockey Club does not condone any acts of abusive behavior by its members towards officials, coaches, players, or spectators. All members have signed the Code of Conduct in accordance with POTOMAC PATRIOTS's Operational Guidelines and will be held accountable for their actions. The following steps will be taken for any such acts:

A. Players

Coaches are charged with dealing with any such acts by players that occur during the game and are not penalized by the on-ice officials. This may include verbal warning, benching, or removal from game depending on the severity. Any player who receives during the game a:

1. Two minute minor for Unsportsmanlike Conduct will sit 15 minutes (time of one period) upon release from penalty box
2. Ten minute Misconduct will sit out the rest of that game and the first period of the following game
3. Game Misconduct will serve a two game suspension (one for USA Hockey, one for the Potomac Patriots)

All first time offenses (except game misconducts) will be handled within the team. Any future occurrences of Abuse of Official penalties must be reported to the Travel Director promptly. The Travel Director will review with the Vice President for possible supplementary discipline (Conduct Board)

B. Coaches

All coaches, heads and assistants, are to set a positive example for their players and parents. They will be held to a higher standard regarding their conduct both on and off the bench. Any coach who receives a Game Misconduct for Abuse of Officials will be suspended for a minimum of two games and be referred to the Vice President for supplementary discipline. A second offense will result in a recommendation for permanent removal from the bench

C. Off Ice Officials

Those who volunteer to keep score, run the clock, work the penalty box, or any other such activity are considered 'officials' as well and should be neutral parties. Any one removed from their duties during a game by the on-ice officials will be banned from doing so again for the remainder of the season.

D. Parents

Family and friends are there to support their teams in a positive manner. They should refrain from any acts of disrespect (verbal or physical) regardless of the emotions of the moment. You are also setting an example for these young men and ladies and should take the 'high road' whenever possible. Any substantiated reports of abusive behavior will result in a loss of viewing privileges for a game(s)