



## **FAYHA Ice Miners**

### *Zero Tolerance Spectator Conduct Policy*

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#### **PURPOSE AND SCOPE:**

This Zero Tolerance Spectator Conduct Policy (hereinafter “Policy”), published in accordance with Mid-Am and PAHL requirements, aims to eliminate inappropriate, disruptive and abusive behavior by spectators directed at game officials, players, coaches, spectators and other participants during FAYHA Ice Miners sanctioned events. A spectator shall include any parent, sibling, family member of a participant or fan of the FAYHA Ice Miner team or Association (hereinafter “Spectator”).

#### **FAYHA ICE MINERS BASIC PRINCIPALS:**

The FAYHA Ice Miners aims to provide an environment wherein players, officials and spectators are able to enjoy and participate in a local, competitive Ice Hockey Program. The Association acknowledges that part of this Program is Youth Development, which includes not only ice hockey skill, but also sportsmanship, self discipline, and competitive respect. It is the expectation of the Association that all participants demonstrate these values, and represent the Association effectively and positively.

#### **FAYHA ICE MINERS – GAME OFFICIAL SUPPORT**

The FAYHA Ice Miners Association retains officiating support through Keystone Hockey Officials. It is understood that a number of these Officials are under the age of 18, and developing as Officials for the sustained growth of our sport. The Association will secure green arm bands for provision to such Officials should they be assigned to any FAYHA Ice Miners game. FAYHA Ice Miners spectators are reminded that these arm bands are there as visual reminders to ensure appropriate behavior and interaction with these young officials.

#### **POLICY AND PROCEDURE:**

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 further in this policy. It is noted that should the FAYHA Ice Miners Association not take action in instances of violation, PAHL and/or Mid-Am has the right to take action independently, inclusive of potential Association sanctions.

#### **ABUSIVE CONDUCT:**

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, issuing a 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 a USAH sanctioned event.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

First Offense - a suspension from all events involving the Association for a minimum of fourteen (14) days to a maximum of thirty (30) days;

Second Offense - a suspension from all events involving the Association for a minimum of thirty (30) days to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days

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

**DESIGNATION OF SPECTATOR MONITOR:**

Each Team in the FAYHA Ice Miners Association is strongly encouraged 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 the FAYHA Ice Miners, may call on facility management (in accordance with the Association's agreement with the facility, should there be one in place) and/or game security (as such security is available) to remove any spectator in violation of this Policy.

**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 not be to be acted upon at the sole discretion of the FAYHA Ice Miners. The FAYHA Ice Miners will forward all Spectator Incident Report Forms to the Mid-Am District (administrator@midamhockey.com) for establishment of a record regarding the incident alleged.

**POLICY IMPLEMENTATION:**

A copy of this policy shall be made available on the FAYHA Ice Miners public web page, and will also be provided to all FAYHA Ice Miners Association Members. The policy is effective as of the

date of this revision, and will be in effect on a perpetual basis unless otherwise cancelled, superseded, or replaced by an updated policy document.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A. Incident Report Form

## ***Spectator Conduct Violation Report: FAYHA Ice Miners Association***

Date/Time of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

(Rink) Location: 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? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what is the report number? \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Was an ambulance called? \_\_\_\_\_

Individuals involved in Incident: (Name/Email/Phone Number):

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Individual reporting Incident (shall remain confidential, Name/Email/Phone Number):

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