



# ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

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The South Coast Hockey League was founded on the principles of providing a safe and enjoyable atmosphere where players, coaches, officials, and spectators are given the opportunity to learn, grow, and play the game of hockey.

Spectators are expected to be a positive role model by treating all players, coaches, officials and fellow spectators with respect and support. In conjunction with USA Hockey's Zero Tolerance Policy and Code of Conduct, the SCHL is implementing a supplemental Zero Tolerance Policy.

If parents or spectators display inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfering with other spectators or the game, they will be subject to the following punishments:

- **1st Offense:** \$500 fine to the affiliated program and the offender is suspended from one (1) SCHL game
- **2nd Offense:** \$1,000 fine to the affiliated program and the offender is suspended from three (3) SCHL games
- **3rd Offense:** \$2,000 fine to the affiliated program, the team will forfeit the game in question, and offender will be suspended from five (5) SCHL games
- **4th Offense:** \$3,000 fine to the affiliated program, team will not be eligible for playoffs, and offending will be suspended from ten (10) SCHL games
- **5th Offense:** \$5,000 fine to the affiliated program, the player will be banned from competing in the SCHL, and the offender is banned from all SCHL events

Inappropriate and disruptive behavior includes but is not limited to:

- Use of obscene, profane, or abusive language to anyone at any time.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
- Throwing of 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.

All incidents will be investigated and reviewed by the SCHL Disciplinary Committee and respective USA Hockey affiliates.

\*All discipline actions will be taken after a hearing with the an appropriate discipline authority as defined by USA Hockey. Hearings will follow the rules and procedures spelled out in USA Hockey Bylaws Chapter 10. Offenders can waive their opportunity for a hearing.