

This week the Executive Committee of the CPIHL has suspended, for four games, the student-fan section from Central Dauphin. On behalf of the league, this action was taken to protect the safety of our hockey players and on ice officials, as well as to enforce our Code of Conduct.

The EC voted unanimously to suspend this student section after objects were thrown on the ice on at least three different occasions during the first period. The referees had to stop the game several times before ejecting the entire section before the end of the first period. Furthermore, empty mini bottles of alcohol were left behind in the student section stands (and one thrown onto the ice during the game). This outrageous behavior cannot and will not be tolerated.

Please share with your clubs and fans our CPIHL policy of

ZERO TOLERANCE:

· Abusive Language

CPIHL games are held for the express privilege of the players and their fans. Any abusive language, including but not limited to profanity, directed to players, officials, or other fans will not be tolerated. Offending parties will be asked to leave the rink facility and may be prohibited from attending future CPIHL events.

· Physical Disruption

Anyone interfering with the conduct of the game by encroaching on the playing surface or be intentionally throwing things on the ice will be removed from the premises immediately and may be prohibited from attending future CPIHL events.

· Underage Drinking and Public Intoxication

The CPIHL continually tries to maintain a family atmosphere for its games. Anyone found to be intoxicated, especially those who are underage, will be brought to the attention of law enforcement authorities for immediate removal from the premises.

We, as a league, which includes club leadership, are accountable to act. As such, the suspended club is required to submit a written corrective action plan.

Let us be clear. We are prepared to take similar action moving forward should that be necessary. We support student sections and fans that follow the CPIHL playing rules and Code of Conduct. The league wants large, loud, and engaged student sections cheering on our athletes. That is one thing that makes high school hockey special.

CPIHL Executive Committee

Frank Nemshick, President