

# USA Hockey & CAHA Discipline Policies



# REPORTING DISCRIMINATORY LANGUAGE



## COACHES MUST REPORT!

### Rule 601(e) 3

A match penalty shall be assessed to any player or team official who commits the following actions: (3) Uses language that is hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game.

*(Note) The officials are required to immediately file a game report and the offending player/team official is suspended until their case has been dealt with by the proper authorities. Appropriate discipline will be determined using the USA Hockey Standardized Discipline Policy (see Preface). If the incident was reported to, but not heard by the official(s), the officials are required to notify the coach of the offending team and submit an incident report to the Proper Authorities immediately following the game outlining what was reported to them.*

*(Note 2) Any match penalty assessed under this rule must be reported via written game report by the officials no later than 24 hours following the game. The official(s) should also provide a verbal report to the USA Hockey District Referee-in-Chief within 48 hours.*

With Association input and support, CAHA is taking 3 steps to reduce abuse of officials and promote responsible coaching during games



- Abuse of Officials, Rule 601 (d) - whereas a coach/team official is assessed a game misconduct by the official
- Penalties, Rule 401 (b) - whereas a team is assessed twelve (12) or more penalties during one game
- Leaving the Players' Bench, Rule 629 (a) - whereas any player leaves the players' bench during an altercation or for the purpose of starting an altercation

# ABUSE OF OFFICIALS



## Abuse of Officials, Rule 601 (d) - whereas a coach/team official is assessed a game misconduct by the official:

- First Offence - Coach/Team Official will serve the one (1) game suspension mandated by USA Hockey plus an additional two (2) game suspension being mandated by CAHA.
- Second Offence - Coach/Team Official will be suspended for a thirty (30) day period and must attend a hearing with the CAHA Discipline Committee. The Coach/Team Official's Association shall be fined in the amount of \$250.

\*Fines indicated above will not be assessed during the 2022 - 2023 playing season.

\*\*Fines indicated above will be assessed beginning August 1, 2023 for the 2023 - 2024 playing season and subsequent playing seasons.

\*\*\*Fines levied against associations will be utilized to fund Coach, Parent, and Player Education in support of USAH's "Zero-Tolerance Initiative" within the CAHA Affiliate.

# 12 OR MORE PENALTIES IN A GAME



## Penalties, Rule 401 (b) - whereas a team is assessed twelve (12) or more penalties during one game:

- First Offence - Head Coach will serve the one (1) game suspension mandated by USA Hockey.
- Second Offence - Head Coach will serve the one (1) game suspension mandated by USA Hockey plus and additional one (1) game suspension being mandated by CAHA.
- Third Offence - Head Coach will serve the one (1) game suspension mandated by USA Hockey plus and additional two (2) game suspension being mandated by CAHA.
- Subsequent Offences will add an additional game suspension for each occurrence of this rule infraction in addition the prior offence.

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# LEAVING THE PLAYER'S BENCH



**Leaving the Players' Bench, Rule 629 (a) - whereas any player leaves the players' bench during an altercation or for the purpose of starting an altercation:**

- First Offence - Head Coach will serve a three (3) game suspension being mandated by CAHA.
- Second Offence - Head Coach will be suspended for a thirty (30) day period and must attend a hearing with the CAHA Discipline Committee. The Head Coach's Association shall be fined in the amount of \$250.

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# LOCKER ROOM MONITORING POLICY



To take effect for 2023/2024 USAH Hockey Season for no locker room monitors in any USA Hockey event (game, practice, off-ice):

- ▶ **First Offence:** Automatic \$250 fine payable by the Association to CAHA and automatic 2-game suspension of head coach
- ▶ **Second Offence within the same season:** Automatic \$500 fine payable by the Association to CAHA and a mandatory discipline hearing that may include discipline up to and including permanent suspension from all USA Hockey events for the Head Coach and the President of the Association.



# SPECTATOR DISCIPLINE POLICY



To take effect for 2023-24 Season:

Any participant attending a sanctioned USAH event removed from the venue by a USAH official over a two-year rolling period of the USAH Hockey Season will be subject to mandatory suspension from ALL USAH events for the following periods:

- 1st offense automatic 30-day suspension and may be subject to additional supplemental discipline review as determined by the association/CAHA based on the event.
- 2nd offense, automatic 60-day suspension, and required hearing with the CAHA Discipline committee subject to additional supplemental discipline up to and including permanent lifetime suspension from all USA Hockey events