

AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ILLINOIS, Inc.

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Dear President's and Coaches,

The very real problem of so called "senioritis" has been causing serious and often dangerous consequences with senior players acting out in their last high school game.

We are blessed with a great many graduating Seniors who conduct themselves as honorably in their last game as they did in their first freshman game. Therefore, we are not speaking of the many but only of the few.

These few have taken it upon themselves to cause havoc upon players, referees or fans with an attitude - - - *"they can't do anything to me, it's my last game"*. Their thought process is wrong and their attitude needs to be changed for the following reasons:

1. They don't have that right. Ice Hockey must be played by the rules; and
2. Players have been suspended indefinitely which includes hockey activity at the College, Junior or Senior levels, because all other states support our suspensions; and
3. Their activity has an affect on their High School organization and returning players will have to pay their former teammate's debts.

We have tried in numerous ways to get organizations and coaches to be on the lookout for those few who might cause a problem. Unfortunately, the problem has continued.

Therefore, we implemented a policy holding the President of the organization and the coaching staff personally responsible for the actions of their Senior players under Section 410a – Supplementary Discipline. Any senior player dismissed from a State Tournament game will cause the President and Coaches of that high school team to appear before the Suspension Review Committee and the club will be fined \$500.00 and the next season's registration will be held until it is paid. Automatically, the Head Coach will be suspended one (1) USA Hockey game and one (1) game in next year's High School State Tournament.

We are hopeful that by taking this step, the few will be singled out and prevented from ruining the High School State Tournament for the majority.

Sincerely,

Robert Wagner
Chairperson
High School Committee



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