



## MEMORANDUM 25-03

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To: Minor Hockey Associations

From: Bryden Burrell, Manager, Minor Leagues

**SUBJECT: END-OF-SEASON CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS**

**Please send this memorandum to all of your Coaches and Managers**

As we enter the most competitive stage of the season, the intensity on the ice naturally increases with playoff positioning at stake. While this competitive spirit is welcomed, it is essential that all participants uphold the standards of conduct that ensure the game remains a positive and respectful environment.

**Respect for Officials:**

Officials make decisions in real time and in good faith. Any form of disrespectful behaviour toward officials is unacceptable and undermines the integrity of the game.

**Bench Decorum:**

Coaches are expected to lead with composure. Your conduct sets the tone for your athletes and contributes significantly to the overall environment of each game.

**Player Safety:**

Elevated competition must never result in unsafe or reckless play. Hockey Alberta and our officials will continue to apply all playing rules firmly and consistently to protect all participants.

**Parental Conduct:**

Parents and spectators are reminded that their role is to support their athletes positively. Heckling officials, opposing players, or teams is not appropriate and will not be tolerated.

These high-pressure moments offer some of the best opportunities to teach our players how to compete with integrity, handle adversity, and demonstrate respect.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our athletes and to the values that make our game strong. We appreciate your efforts in keeping our arenas places where competition and respect go hand in hand.

Best of luck to all teams.

