

Viking Minor Hockey Association – Zero Tolerance Policy

Goals of the Policy:

- **To promote positive cheering behaviors among all spectators and fans.**
- **To increase the level of understanding among spectators and fans of the Importance of creating a positive and supportive environment for minor hockey participants.**
- **To reduce or eliminate abusive behavior towards all Players, Referees, Coaches, Managers, Assistants, VMHA Board Members, and Tournament Volunteers.**
- **To reduce or eliminate abusive behavior from Viking Minor Hockey Association activities, which will include tournaments, exhibition and League games and practices.**

Definition of Abusive Behavior:

- **Disrespectfully disputes or argues any decision made by an official.**
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- **Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner at anyone at any time.**
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- **Aggressive behavior, including threats and attempts to intimidate, throwing of articles in a deliberate or aggressive manner, aggressively approaches another individual and physical violence of another individual.**
- **Coaches, and other team officials, players, parents and fans are not permitted in the official's dressing room, nor are they permitted to confront game officials about the game. Entering the official's dressing room or Confronting an official will be considered abusive behavior.**
- **Coaches, and other team officials, players, parents and fans are not permitted to confront off-ice officials about the game, including the official Time-keeper(s), official Score-keeper(s) and other off-ice officials located in the Time-keeper's area. Confronting off-ice officials will be considered abusive behavior.**

**Code of Conduct, Zero Tolerance Policy:
Policy:**

- 1. Membership and participation in VMHA activities is a privilege not a right. Members, Players and participants are required to abide by the Bylaws, Rules and Policies of the Association and their behavior is expected to mirror the spirit of the Bylaws, Rules and Policies of this Code.**

- 2. VMHA has adopted a behavioral stance against persons who feel they need to harass, insult, threaten or assault other persons at a game where VMHA members are involved.**

- 3. All members, fans and participants of the Association shall respect the game of hockey and shall behave in a manner so as not to make a Travesty of the game.**

- 4. VMHA will not tolerate loud, obscene, obnoxious Coaches, Managers, Assistants, Players, Parents or Fans. Such individuals will be subject to Disciplinary action.**

- 5. If a person is identified or reported to be in violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy, that person (and their child(ren)) could be subject to disciplinary action being taken by the Association as provided in the By-laws of the Association, which may include suspension from ANY AND ALL VMHA Activity for the remainder of the season.**