



Penn Hockey Club Spectator Suspension Policy

Any parent, guardian, family member, or spectator whose conduct is a violation of the USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy, Parents Code of Conduct or Spectator Code of Conduct at any event associated with the Penn Hockey Club shall be subject to disciplinary action. Note: Team officials and players who are not actively performing in their normal roles with their team are considered "spectators" and subject to this Spectator Suspension Policy.

USA Hockey Zero Tolerance policy

Parents, guardians, and spectators are expected to be positive role models by treating all players, coaches, officials, volunteers and fellow spectators with respect and support. Violators will be identified by the game officials, team volunteers, association volunteers, rink personnel or onsite security officers for the purpose of removing the violator(s) from the viewing area. Violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the Member Team and Association. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior may include:

1. Use of obscene, profane, or abusive language or gestures to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting players, coaches, officials, or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
3. Throwing any object in the spectator's viewing area, player's bench, penalty box or on the ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

Conduct Subject to Discipline

Example of words or actions which shall constitute a violation of the Spectator Suspension Policy include, but are not limited to the following:

- Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator.
- Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative, arena personnel or spectator.
- Going into the locker room/dressing room of an opposing team or obstructing their access to or exit from said room or arena.
- Going into the official's locker room /dressing room or obstructing their access to or exit from said room or arena.
- Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms.
- Unauthorized entry onto the ice surface.
- Throwing any object onto the ice surface, into the player area(s), or at another individual.
- Defacing or damaging any property belonging to any individual, association, or arena.
- Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials.
- Inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above-listed behaviors.
- Any other conduct that is not conducive to creating and maintaining a safe and fun environment for youth hockey or high school hockey.



First Offense: A suspension from all events involving the Member Team and Association for a minimum of fourteen (14) days to a maximum of thirty (30) days from the date of the offense.

Second Offense: A suspension from all events involving the Member Team and Association for a minimum of thirty (30) days to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the offense.

Third Offense and beyond: A suspension from all events involving the Member Team and Association until a decision has been rendered from an USA Hockey Affiliate hearing.

During the suspension entry into the facilities that are hosting the Member Team and Association event is prohibited. Violators are subject to trespassing and further suspension. Suspension days do not include the scheduled time off for holiday weeks or the off season. Suspensions near the end of the season may be carried forward into the following season. Appeals: No appeals will be accepted, and all decisions are final.

Reporting: Violations must be reported within 24 hours by the Member Team, Association or League Official, or rink personnel. Be sure to obtain all facts of the violation, including all individual names, team affiliated with, and complete description of the violation and any witnesses. Allegations of Abusive Conduct shall be reported using the attached Incident Report Form. If the local association (Member Team) fails to address the incident, the incident may be addressed by the MidAm Affiliate which may include local association (Member Team) sanctions.

Violators who are affiliated with a visiting team will be reported to their team and association. This is in addition to the suspension under this policy.

Each Member Team is responsible for the conduct of their spectators and shall apply this Spectator Suspension Policy as appropriate. Association officials, security officers and rink personnel will be available for secondary support.

USA Hockey strongly recommends that each registered team designate a volunteer to serve as a spectator monitor during all team events. This monitor will, ideally, address inappropriate spectator behavior prior to the situation escalating out of control. This designated monitor shall have the full support of the Member Team, Association, and arena management to remove any spectators in violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy.



Penn Hockey Club's Zero Tolerance Spectator Incident Report

Date/Time of Incident:

Individual reporting Incident (shall remain confidential):

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Location (Rink):

Game #:

Team (Home):

Team (Away):

Security on Site (if applicable):

Description of Incident (please provide a detailed description):

Did the incident involve a player, coach, spectator, or referee?

Were the police called?

If so, what is the report number?

Anyone injured?

Was an ambulance called?

Individuals involved in Incident (please fill out for each individual):

Name:

Email:

Phone Number: