



6.44 SPECTATOR ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

i. INTRODUCTION

Creating a safe and positive environment in all levels of hockey is a primary goal for Hockey Canada. Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) has a responsibility to all its' members and participants to take this seriously. Keeping with the Respect in Sport initiative, we want to ensure that the hockey arena is a safe and positive experience for all.

In an effort to make hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, HEO has instituted a zero tolerance policy beginning with the 2019-2020 season.

ii. EFFECTIVE DATE:

March 2019

iii. PURPOSE

This policy requires all spectators to maintain a sportsman like and educational atmosphere before, during and after all HEO hockey-sanctioned games and/or HEO special events.

iv. APPLICATION

The game will be stopped by game officials when the spectator(s), displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior, interfere with other spectator(s) or the game. The game officials will identify the offending spectator(s) to the coaches of both the home and visiting teams for the purpose and responsibility of removing the offending spectator(s) from inside the playing area of the arena. In the event that the visiting team is unable to identify the offending spectator(s), the ultimate responsibility for removal of the offending spectator(s) will fall under the responsibility of the home team. Once the offending spectator(s) is/are removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced, and the violator(s) may be subject to further disciplinary action by HEO. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous or aggressive manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
- Throwing of any object(s) on the ice surface, penalty box and/or player's bench.

The on-ice officials are responsible for submitting a Game Incident Report (GIR) to the appropriate leagues, associations, and/or designates.

The offending team is also be responsible to file an Incident Report to their league, associations, and/or designates.

