

## **CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR SPECTATORS**

### **Conduct Policy**

The policy is brought forth by the ODMHA, District III (hereinafter referred to as 'District III') has a zero tolerance policy regarding physical or verbal abuse of anyone during minor hockey events (including players, officials, referees, other parents, other spectators) and regarding any form of disorderly conduct. Parents and spectators at District III events are responsible for their own conduct. A District III event is any practice, game or any other event that is sanctioned by District 3.

Any individual, whose behaviour is considered to be abusive, aggressive or otherwise inappropriate during any District III sanctioned event, may be sanctioned as per District III Policy.

### **Procedure:**

1. Authorized members of the Minor Hockey Association hosting the event, or designated members of the District III executive including the Chairperson, President Nation, President PGL, President Initiation/Novice, or Risk and Safety Director may address an individual for their behaviour.
2. When witness to, or notified of a spectator's inappropriate behaviour, the authorized member, if safe to do so, shall ask the individual to stop the behaviour.
3. If the individual does not comply, the arena attendant/manager will be asked to request that this person leave, provided the attendant is an adult.

(If the individual will not leave, the referee may be asked to stop the game until such time as the individual leaves the arena if it is determined that the players or other spectators were unsafe due to the individual's behaviour i.e.: he was throwing things onto the ice.)

4. If the individual will not leave, law enforcement will/may be called to escort the individual from the arena.
5. If the individual is from a non-District III Association, a letter will be sent to their minor hockey association and to District 3. If the individual is from a non-ODHA/ODMHA Association/League, a letter will be sent to the ODHA/ODMHA.
6. The home minor hockey association and/or District 3 may decide if the circumstances necessitate further discipline depending on the severity of the behaviour.
7. A second offence by the same individual will result in a two week suspension from all minor hockey activity.
8. Subsequent infractions by the same individual may result in further discipline (such as suspension from all minor hockey activities for the balance of the season) as determined by the local minor hockey association Risk, Safety & Disciplinary Sub-Committee where the incident occurs and/or District III.

**FOR THE 2011-2012 HOCKEY SEASON:**

**DISTRICT III**

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