



Abuse of Officials and Unsportsmanlike Conduct

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Ice Hockey Officials

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*If you win through bad
sportsmanship, that's no real
victory*

-Babe Didrikson Zaharias

It's All About Respect



- Points of Emphasis
 - Fair play and respect are the backbone of any successful amateur sports program
 - It is imperative that all participants and spectators have respect for all players, coaches, officials
 - Players are encouraged to develop a deep sense of respect for all (opponents and officials)
- Coach's Code of Conduct
 - Never verbally or physically abuse a player or official
- Player's Code of Conduct
 - Respect your coach, your teammates, your parents, opponents and officials
 - Never argue with an official's decision
- Zero Tolerance Policy
 - A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player ***openly*** disputes or argues any decision by an official.

601(a) Abuse of Officials and Other Misconduct



- Unsportsmanlike Conduct minor penalty
 - Disputes the rulings of any official
 - Taunts or incites an opponent
 - Creates a disturbance during the game
 - Shoots the puck after the whistle, if in the opinion of the Official such shot was avoidable
- “Disputes” can be confusing and open for interpretation

Classifying a Dispute



- Personal attack
 - This is a blatant lack of respect
 - Listen for the pronouns “you” or “your”
 - Players: Misconduct penalty
 - Coaches: Bench minor
 - Have a low threshold for player/coach to official attacks
 - If a personal attack comes from the player’s bench and the player is not identifiable, assess a bench minor
- Frustration
 - Not a personal attack
 - Usually pertains to a call or interpretation
 - Minor penalty (think zero tolerance)
 - Don’t allow frustration to turn personal
- Be able to differentiate between the two

Shooting The Puck After A Whistle



- As an extension of play, if the shot was avoidable
 - Dangerous, but not disrespectful
 - Minor penalty
- Shooting it out of the reach of an official who is retrieving it
 - Make sure the player isn't actually trying to be helpful (e.g. at completion of icing or intentional offsides)
 - Blatantly disrespectful
 - Misconduct penalty

Physical Contact



- *Intentional* (non-incidental) physical contact between a player and official must be penalized
 - Blatantly disrespectful
 - Must be initiated by the player
 - Misconduct penalty at a minimum
 - Examples
 - Shooting the puck at an official
 - Slashing an official during a face-off
 - Pushing official during an altercation

Escalation Path For Abuse



Player

1. Minor
2. Misconduct
3. Game misconduct
4. Warning to the captain, 15 seconds
5. Bench minor for delay of game, 15 seconds
6. Suspend the game & match penalty

Coach

1. Bench minor
2. Game misconduct
3. Warning to the captain, 15 seconds
4. Bench minor for delay of game, 15 seconds
5. Suspend the game & match penalty