

**RULES FOR PARENT/PLAYER/SPECTATOR CONDUCT
DELAWARE VALLEY HOCKEY LEAGUE
LEAGUE AND NON-LEAGUE COMPETITION**

All parents, players and spectators will conduct themselves in an orderly, sportsmanlike and professional manner when attending a DVHL League or Non-League game. Any report of disorderly conduct in the rink, parking lot, etc. including, but not limited to the following will not be tolerated:

- Parents going on the ice.
- Parents going into the referees' locker room or opposing team's locker room.
- Physical abuse of referees, coaches, players or rink employees.
- Verbal abuse of the above participants, to the point of obscene, racial, ethnic or sexual slurs.
- Fighting among parents or spectators in the stands.
- Any problem with crowd control that results in the summoning of police.
- Any issues that are not covered above that result in loss of control by a parent, player or spectator.

All reports given to the DVHL by referees, rink management or either of the participating organizations will be reviewed by the DVHL as follows:

Upon notification, each member organization must investigate the alleged incident and send a written report to the President and Commissioner of the DVHL, outlining the incident, and action to be taken by each organization. Under no circumstances will either organization minimize the gravity of the incident. They will provide the facts as requested by the DVHL.

After review of the written reports, the Executive and Disciplinary Committees can recommend the following:

- Fines for one or both member organizations, as indicated below:
- First Offense: \$150.00 and/or non-monetary discipline as determined by the Ex. Committee
- Second Offense: \$300.00 and/or non-monetary discipline as determined by the Ex. Committee
- Third Offense: \$600.00 and/or non-monetary discipline as determined by the Ex. Committee plus probation and possible suspension of League privileges, including playing of games and participation at District Tournaments.

Suspension of parents, players or spectators involved in two altercations. Parents, players or spectators cannot attend any future games, League or Non-League. The parents, players or spectators Club will ensure the suspension is enforced. The suspended party must then petition the DVHL, through their Club, in person, for reinstatement.

If a parent does not abide by the rulings, the Club will suspend the parent's child from further play until the parent does abide.

Any suspended party reinstated after petition, involved in a third altercation will be suspended for the balance of the hockey season. The DVHL will recommend the party's expulsion from the Club, and will require a hearing before this party or their child is registered with any club in the DVHL.

Referees are authorized by the DVHL to utilize Zero Tolerance standards when addressing spectators and issuing reports on same.

The Clubs in the DVHL are expected to monitor their teams, including their parents and players. These rules, while harsh, are expected to weed out the problems in each organization, since these parents, players and spectators cannot control themselves, and will certainly test the system.