



LEAFS HOCKEY CLUB

Zero Tolerance Policy --Revised 08/20/07

## **I. Introduction**

In an effort to make ice hockey a more enjoyable and rewarding experience for all participants, the Leafs Hockey Club (“LHC”) has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy with respect to the behavior of the players, coaches, parents, managers, and guardians who are members of the LHC. We are committed to enforcing, in accordance with the regulations adopted by USA Hockey, the amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (“AHAI”), and each league in which we participate.

The Zero Tolerance Policy affords all participants direction in developing self-discipline, leadership, integrity, character, commitment, teamwork and a healthy attitude and respect for rules and regulations.

We expect and require that before, during, and after any event in which a LHC participates, the following standards of behavior are observed:

## **II. LHC Zero Tolerance Policy**

### **A. Players**

Players shall not:

1. Openly dispute, argue with, or protest a decision made by an official.
2. Use obscene or vulgar language at any time, even if not directed at any particular person.
3. Make any physical contact with body, puck, stick, or equipment of another player after the whistle has blown.
4. Taunt any other player.

B. Coaches

Coaches shall not:

1. Openly dispute or argue with an official's decision.
2. Use obscene or vulgar language at any time.
3. Make any aggressive physical contact with any player.
4. Taunt any other player or coach.

C. Parents and Spectators

Parents and spectators shall not:

1. Use obscene or vulgar language at any time.
2. Verbally dispute, argue with, or protest an official's decision or conduct themselves in such a way as to taunt or ridicule officials.
3. Taunt, ridicule, provoke, bait, or threaten players, coaches, officials, or other spectators.
4. Throw any object inside/outside the rink or its surroundings which would create a safety hazard or create a delay in the game.
5. Exhibit any behavior where law enforcement is required to settle disputes or action.

**III. Enforcement, Sanctions, and Consequences of Violations.**

Enforcement may be determined by the game official but will be subject to further review by the LHC. Violations or alleged violations of the Zero Tolerance Policy shall be considered and reviewed by the LHC Rules and Ethics Committee, and penalties shall be assessed based upon the following classifications. Each case may also be reviewed, and further discipline may be issued, by USA Hockey, the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois ("AHAI"), or the league in which the team participates. The LHC commonly will permit an LHC penalty to be served concurrently with any penalty imposed for the same incident by AHAI or any other organization.

**Class 1** -- A first-time offense of a relatively basic nature, but which shall not include a violation under Class 3, will require a review by the LHC R & E Committee. Penalties may include reprimands and/or up to a three-game suspension including all team activities until the third game is complete.

**Class 2** -- Any repeat offenses, any violation which requires the police or other authorities to become involved, any physical contact involving adults, any incident which endangers others, or a public display detrimental to the LHC will require a review by the LHC R & E Committee with a possible three-game to a thirty-day suspension from all team activities.

**Class 3** -- The most serious violations involving threatsn physical harm, repeated Class 2 violations or any other event determine extreme by the LHC Board of Directors and/or the R & E Committee, will require an automatic nine-month suspension and require a reinstatement hearing before being accepted back to the Club. The case will automatically be referred to AHAI for further action.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, read, understand and agree to comply with the LHC Zero Tolerance Policy.

Player \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_