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## ALLIANCE HOCKEY BULLETIN

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**To:** All Members

**Re:** Game Officials & Arena Conduct

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Abuse of Officials will not be tolerated.

An unacceptable number of complaints related to the abuse of officials have been received this season and it needs to **STOP**. The abuse of officials has been occurring at all age groups and levels of the game and directed towards officials, regardless of age.

There is NO place in hockey for abuse.

We demand that our players be provided with a safe place to play and the same is expected for Officials.

### ➤ Decline in Game Officials

Over the last few seasons, minor hockey has experienced a continuous decline of game Officials. New Officials are not registering, and we have been forced to fast-track existing Officials through certification levels to ensure games are covered. Scheduled games are now being cancelled due to the official shortage and lack of official availability.

Unruly and abusive spectators only add to the already strained system. Continued abuse of Officials will lead to an even greater shortage of game Officials and has a direct impact on recruitment.

Officials should not have to manage the behaviour of spectators – imagine being an Official and having to control not only what is happening on the ice but off the ice as well. Now take it one step further and imagine this from a minor's perspective.

### ➤ How can you help?

If you witness the abuse of an Official, report it.  
All offenders will be suspended indefinitely pending an investigation.

Coaches are responsible to lead by example. As reviewed in the Coaches Maltreatment Sessions, there should only be ONE voice from a bench to limit player distraction and maximize player experience.



We ALL have a role to play in ensuring a positive and safe experience for all.

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