



## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Implementation of the Hockey Canada motion passed at the 1999 Annual General Meeting:

“Any person, parent or player whose conduct in an arena is legitimately deemed to be disruptive and not conducive to the well being of the game, may be banned from such arena(s) as determined by the jurisdiction Branch/Association for a specified period of time.”

Hockey Northwestern Ontario fully endorses this motion in the day-to-day operation of hockey programs in our Branch. Hockey Northwestern Ontario however, does not conduct the actual games played by the Member Organizations.

The Member Associations and/or Leagues make agreements with either, Municipalities or private businesses that operate hockey arenas to run their hockey programs in those arenas. It is therefore the right and duty of the Organization, which enters into the agreement for use of that facility, to maintain an orderly form of conduct for anyone entering the facility while being used by the Member Organization.

If the conduct of anyone in the facility becomes a negative factor in the course of the activity in that arena, the user Organization has the right to keep that person out of the facility. For instance, if a spectator and/or parent disrupt the conduct of a game, that spectator and/or parent can be requested and eventually ordered to leave the arena.

Under sections of the Trespass To Property Act of Ontario, that person can subsequently be served notice under the Act, that they are prohibited from entering the facility from a certain date until a certain date.

The notice can be served on a person on a prescribed form under the Act or by formal written letter from the Executive of the user Organization.

The form or letter should have the following information:

- 1) The name and address of the person to be notified
- 2) The effective or start date of the prohibition
- 3) An end date of the prohibition
- 4) The fact that the prohibition for the facility(s) is only for the time periods while that facility is being used for any activity, at any level by the Organization.
- 5) That the notice is signed by the President and/or Executive of the user Organization
- 6) Preferably, the notice will be hand delivered to the person Please keep in mind that the prohibition is only for those activities and only for those facilities that are used by the Member Organization.

For instance, if a City or Town has a Minor Hockey Association using anywhere from one to ten arenas for their games, the notified person would be prohibited from entering all of those arenas while that Minor Hockey Association has games that are being played. An hour later, there may be a Junior, High School, or other Hockey Association game in the same arena, the person would be allowed to enter that arena for those games.

It is a hope of Hockey Northwestern Ontario that the steps described in this policy will not become the norm for the day-to-day operation of our hockey programs.

It is the hope of Hockey Northwestern Ontario that this information will be made public knowledge so that the process will not have to be implemented at all.

Our wish is to have a safe, fun environment for our hockey programs.