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There has been an increasing number of incidents with bullying in school and sports. Electronic communication and social networking sites are becoming the rule with our youth. The following is USA Hockey's and NYSAHA's position on Hazing from page 93 in the NYSAHA Annual Guide:

NO HAZING POLICY

It is the policy of USA Hockey and New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc. that there shall be no hazing of any participant involved in any sanctioned program, training camp, hockey clinic, coaching clinic, referee clinic, regional and national tournament or associated events conducted by their employees, volunteers, participants or independent contractors.

Hazing is defined as conduct that is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, offensive, or physically harmful, and includes the activity known as "locker boxing" or "helmet and gloves" that is popular with children and young adults and often produces head trauma and serious injury.

Any player, team official, executive member of a team, club or association having been party to or having had knowledge of hazing, without reporting it to the respective Section President or taking clear affirmative action to assure that it is not repeated, shall be subject to suspension from playing or holding office with any team, club or association affiliated with USA Hockey and New York State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc.

If you know of a situation taking place, contact any Board Member in strictest confidence. Tri-County will not tolerate this taking place and discipline measures will be taken.

Thank You,
John Pilon
President Tri-County Youth Hockey