



Officials Code of Conduct

(Effective Aug. 1, 2025)

The Goal:

Establish clear and consistent expectations for ice hockey officials regarding their conduct both on and off the ice. Promote professionalism, safety, integrity, and continuous improvement among officials, ensuring a respectful and fair environment for all participants.

Policies:

As an official representing the ACCHL, you are expected to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, fairness, and integrity. The following code outlines the expectations for conduct both on and off the ice:

Professionalism & Attitude

- Act in a professional and respectful manner at all times.
- Take your role seriously and strive to be a positive influence on the game.
- Maintain composure and confidence in your decisions—never act with arrogance.

Safety & Sportsmanship

- Prioritize the safety of all participants and promote a sportsmanlike environment.
- Work collaboratively with coaches and players to ensure a fair and safe game.
- Never tolerate violence or abusive behavior from any participant.

Knowledge & Application of Rules

- Be thoroughly familiar with all playing rules, their interpretations, and proper application.
- Use only approved officiating techniques and policies.
- Admit mistakes when they occur and use them as learning opportunities.

Communication & Conduct

- Answer reasonable questions respectfully and with integrity.
- Avoid foul or vulgar language in any interaction with players, coaches, or spectators.
- Never openly criticize coaches, players, or fellow officials.

Personal Development

- Dedicate yourself to continuous improvement through training and feedback.
- Maintain physical fitness and mental readiness for officiating duties.
- Respect and learn from evaluations provided by supervisors and mentors.

Zero Tolerance

- Adopt a zero-tolerance stance toward verbal or physical abuse.
- Report any incidents of misconduct or abuse according to organizational procedures.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including a permanent suspension from all ACCHL events. If you have any questions on this policy, please contact “Officials Resources” @ ***“hr@acchrefs.com”***