

## **RED DEER RINGETTE ASSOCIATION**

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### **Zero Tolerance Towards Abuse of Officials Policy**

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**PURPOSE:** To provide for a safe and friendly environment for players, officials and fans during games.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

1. Any verbal abuse or physical gestures designed to intimidate or embarrass officials will be penalized. To curb abuse, officials will penalize team officials and players who, through words or gestures, make an obvious attempt to:

- intimidate an official,
- challenge the authority or competence of an official,
- incite abuse or disrespect of an officials by others,
- embarrass an official, or
- direct personal comments or gestures at an official.

2. Any abuse directed to officials by fans or parents will result in immediate stoppage of the game by the referee. The individual(s) will be ejected from the rink and, failing to do so in 1 minute, cause the forfeiture of the game by the team he/she is associated with. If it cannot be determined which team this individual(s) is associated with, the police will be called and charges will be laid.