

Rink Conduct / Discipline August 7, 2017

A team's coach and / or manager shall be held responsible for the conduct of his / her team while in any arena, dressing room and on the ice.

Part 1 - Should any member of an SSMHA hockey team cause purposeful damage or destruction to any portion of a rink they are using, and a complaint is made by rink staff (or a member of another MHA on behalf of an opponent's rink), the "guilty" player(s) will be expected to remediate / repair the damages caused, under the approval / supervision of rink staff and the team coaches. Should remediation not be an option and the damage requires financial repayment, SSMHA will pay the cost to the rink immediately, and invoice the player's parent / legal guardian for reimbursement. The player(s) involved will not be allowed to participate in any activities (on or off ice) with their team until SSMHA is reimbursed in full.

Part 2 - Should any SSMHA hockey team cause purposeful damage or destruction to any portion of a rink they are using, and no players admit responsibility, then SSMHA will pay the cost of damages to the rink, invoice the team for reimbursement, and suspend the entire team accordingly:

1st offence - the team will be suspended 1 practice

2nd offence - the team will be suspended 1 practice and 1 game in the same week

3rd offence - the coaches will be brought to a disciplinary hearing with the appropriate Board members. Further, if SSMHA is not reimbursed in full by the team within 5 business days, the Board will seek appropriate measures to recover the funds, via consultation with the team coaches.

In the event of a discrepancy between a complaint and the accused player / team, all involved parties (including SSMHA board members, Hockey Nova Scotia members, and other MHA representative(s) if outside South Shore) will review the information provided and together will make an agreed upon, binding decision.