



# Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association

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## Etiquette Memo

**To: All Coaches, Players, Parents and Volunteers**

**From: NMHA Executive Board**

*Issues concerning Arena Etiquette and Team Supervision have been brought to our attention. The following is a reminder of common sense items and are part of the responsibilities of Team Officials. Remember that playing hockey is a privilege, not a right.*

*Please take the time to discuss the following with your players:*

### **1. Respect the Arena environment at every rink: home and away.**

All teams should check with each facility's rules. Nanaimo arenas do not allow the use of balls or pucks as stick handling warm ups in public areas of the arena. Do not assume it is allowable.

Respect the teams that are on the ice whether for practices or games. Activities such as dryland training in spectator areas, team meetings, etc. may be distracting to teams that are using the rink. Do not interrupt or disrupt on-ice activities with off-ice activities unless your team is scheduled on the ice at that time.

Respect other users of the facilities such as figure skating groups, public skates, arena staff and spectators. Minor hockey is not the only user group of our City facilities and adverse behavior on behalf of our coaches, players or parents reflects poorly on our sport.

Ensure that you lock your dressing rooms to protect valuables during game times.

Check your dressing room when your team arrives and if there is an issue with damage and/or cleanliness, contact the arena facility attendants immediately. You do not want to be responsible for something done or left behind by the user before you.

Team officials should do the final dressing room inspection when the team is done. Leave the room in the condition you found it.

### **2. Team Supervision**

Players should be actively supervised at all times. Team officials, pre and post game, should be aware at all times what their players are doing.

Monitor loud and inappropriate music (ie. language) from the dressing rooms. Tone both volume and language content out of consideration for others.

Behavior in public areas of arenas should be respectful of the community in which you are playing. Your team is representing your own association and community.