**Aberdeen Hockey Association**

**Policy Governing Use of Sticks, Pucks, and Balls**

This document outlines Aberdeen Hockey Association’s policy governing the use of Hockey Sticks, Balls, and Hockey Pucks when used off the ice. This policy covers all members of AHA. The purpose of this policy is to clarify the expectations and requirements of all the members of the Aberdeen Hockey Association.

**SEASON:** 2015-2016 Season and Beyond

The only time Hockey Sticks, Balls, and Hockey Pucks should be used or out while in the rink is when:

1. On the Ice Surface,
2. The Player is carrying them from the locker room onto the ice, and
3. For Dryland Activities ONLY when instructed by a coach in an area designated by the coach while the coach is present.

The use of Hockey Sticks, Balls, and Hockey Pucks should NEVER occur in the locker rooms, the locker room hallway, the Zamboni tunnel, in the bleachers, in the open areas of the Expo, or the lobby.

There are many reasons why this policy is necessary. They include:

1. Reducing the chance of injury caused if these items were to hit or injure any player, spectator, or anyone else in the facility.
2. Reducing the ongoing cost of repairs including Lights in the Hallways, Locker Rooms, and Lobby,
3. Reducing the ongoing costs of repeated painting of walls, doors, etc. marred with marks,
4. Reducing the costs of replacing doors and other items dented or damaged.

If a player is found in violation of this policy, they will be subject to the following consequences.

* First Violation: 1 Period Suspension served during the first period of the next regularly scheduled game.
* Second Violation: 2 Period Suspension served consecutively during the first and second periods of the next regularly scheduled game.
* Third Violation: Full Game Suspension served during the next regularly scheduled game and a hearing before the AHA Board of Directors to determine if additional corrective actions should be taken.

This policy shall remain in effect until either 1) the AHA Board of Directors votes to remove the policy or 2) this policy is revised or amended by a vote of the AHA Board of Directors.

--Adopted 10/20/2015 by the Aberdeen Hockey Association Board of Directors--

**I have read and understand this newly adopted policy on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date).**

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Parent Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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