



## Responsibilities in Arenas

Conflicts between teams and arena management are often the result of misunderstanding, poor communication, carelessness, or a lack of respect. To prevent problems and ensure strong, positive relationships with arenas throughout the hockey season, all members of our community — GTHL coaches, parents and families, and players — share responsibility for respectful conduct.

### 1. Dressing Room Responsibility

- GTHL Coaches ensure that dressing rooms are inspected upon arrival and report any pre-existing damage to arena staff. Coaches are the last to leave to confirm facilities are in order.
- GTHL Parents ensure their children respect the facility and support coaches in maintaining dressing room cleanliness and care.
- GTHL Players do respect dressing rooms as shared spaces, keeping them tidy and free of damage.

*Teams found responsible for damage will have costs invoiced to their Club and may face disciplinary action.*

### 2. Food and Beverages in Dressing Rooms

- Coaches ensure that no outside food or beverages are brought into dressing rooms unless approved by arena management.
- Parents do support this rule by refraining from bringing outside food or drinks and reminding others to do the same.
- Players ensure they follow these directions and respect the arena's rules.

*Violations can lead to higher ice rental fees, fines, or even relocation of team games.*

### 3. Arena Damage Beyond Dressing Rooms

- Coaches ensure players are supervised and respectful when moving between dressing rooms and the players' bench.
- Parents do remind their children about respecting facilities at all times.
- Players ensure hallways and common areas are left clean and undamaged.

### 4. Fighting in Arenas

- Coaches ensure that players and all bench staff avoid confrontations in hallways and public areas.
- Parents do set an example by de-escalating, not engaging in, or encouraging disputes.

- Players ensure they refrain from fighting or confrontations off the ice.

*Violations may result in suspensions or other disciplinary action.*

## **5. Conduct Toward Game Officials**

- Coaches ensure respect is shown toward Game Officials, regardless of circumstances. Coaches set the tone through calm, professional conduct.
- Parents do refrain from confronting or harassing officials and model respectful behaviour from the stands.
- Players ensure that interactions with Game Officials reflect sportsmanship and respect, both during and after games.

*Confronting or harassing officials verbally or physically may result in penalties, suspensions, or further discipline.*

The GTHL values the commitment of Coaches, Parents, and Players in creating a respectful hockey environment. By modelling professionalism, accountability, and respect, GTHL Coaches, Parents, and Players ensure that the game is safe, enjoyable, and reflective of the values of our League and Clubs.

Thank you for your cooperation and leadership in setting the standard.