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Guelph Youth Sports Advisory Council



Police Protocol

Mission Statement of Sports Advisory Council

The mission of the Guelph Sports Advisory Council is to work in partnership with all sports providers to ensure a safe and healthy environment where youth can learn through participation the skills of competition, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play.

Purpose of Police Protocol Committee

The Sports Advisory Council's Police Protocol is developed with the understanding that co-operative involvement and interventions will facilitate the development of positive attitudes, acceptable participant behaviour and attempt to ensure sporting environments that are safe, nurturing, positive and respectful.

Glossary of Terms

- Assault:** A violent attack either physical or verbal
- Hate Crimes:** use of race (racism), religion, nationality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability to discomfort, frighten, or harm individuals and to instill fear into groups of these individuals.
- Harass:** to disturb or irritate repeatedly
- Harassment:** is the repeated annoyance or bullying of an individual or individual(s). Causes a person to fear for the safety of themselves or anyone known to them
- Hazing:** to initiate by exacting humiliating performances from or playing rough practical jokes upon
- Incident:** an event, a distinct occurrence
- Participant:** includes, but is not limited to players, coaches, league executives, parents, spectators, officials, Sports Advisory Council.

Invitation to sexual touching: any invitations or suggestions to sexually touch made directly or indirectly to a person under the age of fourteen.

Occurrence: something that takes place, an event

Police is used to define the circumstances when police would conduct an

Involvement: investigation after an incident has occurred

Sexual unwanted sexual behaviour that ranges from making sexual

Harassment: comments to forcing another person into unwanted sexual acts.

Victim: a person who is harmed by violence

Violent is characterized by verbal or written threats; physical, emotional,

Incident: sexual abuse/harassment/assault; racial or ethno-cultural harassment; robbery; extortion; or bullying by an individual or group of individuals which has the effect of impairing or might have the effect of impairing the health and welfare of any participant.

Weapons: defined under the Criminal Code:

Weapon means anything used, designed to be used or intended for use; (a) in causing death or injury to any person, or (b) for the purpose of threatening or intimidating any person and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes a firearm.

Violence Free: an approach for all participating members that ensures that fair play and a Violence-free sporting environment are provided for everyone. Delivers a behavioural code to participants defining what is inappropriate behaviour

Responsibilities of Police

- Protecting public safety and preventing crime
- Assisting in the development of young people's understanding of good sportsmanship
- Conducting law enforcement and criminal investigations
- Diverting young people away from crime and antisocial behaviour
- Working in partnership with community-based organizations to support positive youth development.
- Police are to enforce all laws, municipal, provincial, and federal
- Supporting the operational by-laws and policies as set out by the sports advisory council

Roles of each Sporting Organization

Each organization shall be responsible for:

- The responsibility of each individual sporting organization is to adopt, adhere to, and enforce, the constitution and bylaws of their organization and those of the Sports Advisory Council.
- Ensuring that all participating members are aware of the constitution and bylaws governing their sport and providing workshops where needed

- Ensuring fair play and fair play initiatives for all participating members
- Offering fair play and violence-free sports workshops to membership through the Sports Advisory Council
- Attempting to reduce all risks through risk management procedures
- Encourage all members to co-operate in any investigation conducted by police, and support their actions
- Providing support, direction, or information to any victims of abuse within their organization, with referral to supporting community agencies when necessary
- Taking all steps necessary to ensure they are providing a violence-free sporting environment
- Communicating the Violence-Free sports policy to visiting teams and other communities or sporting organizations that they may be involved with
- Understanding their limitations, under what circumstances they *must* report, and when police *may* be called to incidents involving their organization.

Occurrences requiring police investigation and response

Occurrences when sporting organizations must involve police

- Weapons offences
- Verbal or written threats of serious physical injury made directly or indirectly to cause death or bodily harm to any person, to destroy or damage property of any person or to injure any animal
- Bomb threats
- Physical assaults when there is intention to injure
- Sexual assault
- Robbery and extortion
- Any hate motivated violence (e.g. incidents involving racism, homophobia)
- Vandalism causing damage to city property or located on city premises
- Impairment by drugs and/or alcohol
- Illegal possession of drugs/substances

Other occurrences that may involve police

- Verbal or written threats of a minor nature
- Infliction of physical or emotional intimidation (of a minor nature such as hitting, pushing, shoving, hair pulling, hurting feelings, etc.)
- Racial, ethnic or gender harassment (posturing which includes name calling, slurs)
- Bullying (which involves no physical contact or extortion)
- Trespassing