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Re: Zero Tolerance Spitting Policy
To: ALLIANCE Hockey Players, Bench Staff & Officials

As per Hockey Canada:

The act of spitting directly at any player, team official or on-ice official is currently addressed under Rule 9.7, in which a match penalty is applied. In the current COVID-19 environment, Hockey Canada & ALLIANCE Hockey encourages coaches to promote that participants refrain from spitting at any time during any on-ice activities. This would also include spitting water on the ice or in the bench area.

The act of spitting may increase the possibility of propelling moisture droplets into the air and potentially expose other players, team officials and on-ice officials to a potential virus.

Hockey Canada strongly encourages all participants and team officials to promote and educate players about proper hygiene and refraining from the act of spitting.

ALLIANCE Hockey:

ALLIANCE Hockey is implementing a Zero Tolerance Spitting Policy and officials are asked to adhere to the following protocols when it comes to spitting on the playing surface:

- **Warning:**
 - Officials are to notify the bench during their “Welcome Greeting” that there is no spitting allowed from any participants.
- **1st Offence:**
 - If a participant is identified for spitting on the playing surface, the participant will be assessed a minor penalty (1 penalty shot) for unsportsmanlike.
- **2nd Offence:**
 - If the same participant is identified for spitting on the playing surface for a second time, the participant will be assessed a “Game Ejection” and will be removed from that game.

