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TO: All Nova Scotia Minor Hockey Associations

FROM: Darren Cossar, Executive Director Hockey Nova Scotia

DATE: December 13, 2004

RE: Abusive Parents

Please be advised that at Hockey Nova Scotia's Board of Directors meeting December 10 & 11, 2004, a motion on dealing with Abusive Parents was unanimously passed.

The Motion reads:

Any parent who fails to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the local Association, and exhibits behaviour that is deemed inappropriate is subject to disciplinary action by the Officers of the local Association. The officers of the Association are empowered to suspend the parents from all activities of the association, following a Disciplinary hearing of the local association. Hockey Nova Scotia recommends that the local Association adopt the following disciplinary process: Initially a letter of warning; secondly, short term suspension; thirdly, long term suspension, this is subject to approval of the President of Hockey Nova Scotia. A parent, who fails to comply with the terms of reference for the suspension that is determined by the local Association, may be required to withdraw his/her membership within the local Association. This action may include the cancellation of the membership of all registered players of the parent.

All Associations are encouraged to follow these steps and spread the word to all involved with their local Association that there is a policy and it will be enforced.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in making this policy known and enforcing it to ensure our rinks remain a safe and positive place for our young players, referees and coaches to grow and develop.

Kindest Regards,

Darren Cossar

Executive Director

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