



ENGLISH ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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Notice to all Clubs

Racially Abusive Language

This is a reminder to all clubs and their players that the use of racially abusive language of any kind will not be tolerated.

Any player, coach, manager or official found using this type of language would be formally disciplined by the English Ice Hockey Association. This could result in a person being permanently excluded from our sport.

Racially motivated abuse is very damaging and is taken very seriously by the Authorities and the Association. The Association is not prepared to accept racial abuse in any shape or form.

References to a person's heritage, colour, race, identity and ethnicity in an offensive and abusive manner are formally described as racial abuse. This definition comes from the Commission for Equality and Human Rights.

We will not accept excuses, such as, "it was in the heat of the moment", or "I was upset at losing". There is no excuse.

We expect that as a minimum all clubs will speak to their players and Officials and make this position clear.

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