



EFHL Commissioner Memo
March 7, 2023

EFHL Incident Sunday March 5, 2023-SE701 vs SN701

We are reaching out to address an unfortunate situation that occurred during an EFHL U18 Tier 1 Playoff game at Terwilliger Community Recreation Centre on Sunday March 5, 2023.

Following the completion of an entertaining playoff game that required overtime and was decided in shoot-out. Several players decided to act in a completely unsportsmanlike manner leading to the issues that have been shared and viewed via several social media platforms. The EFHL were made aware of the issues with this game early Monday morning by the Officials representative for Southwest Zone Hockey and opened an immediate investigation into the actions of the players of both teams.

To be clear, the behaviour displayed is completely unacceptable and falls outside the guidelines of EFHL and Hockey Alberta. Behaviour such as this will not be tolerated in our league and action will be taken against the players who participated in this disturbing scene.

EFHL Operations, Discipline, and Officials representatives engaged Hockey Alberta Minor Leagues Chair and Hockey Alberta staff to assist in reviewing this game and ensuring all players who participated in the situation that occurred have been sanctioned appropriately using all resources at our disposal.

The Joint Committee reviewed all material that was provided and has assessed the following penalties to the players of both teams:

- 3 Match Penalties
- 9 Fighting Majors
- 1 Instigator
- 15 Game Misconducts

We would like to stress to all our participants, parents, and spectators, this type of behaviour will not be tolerated and the EFHL will use all available tools to remove this from the game of hockey and sanction and remove players accordingly.

Chris March
EFHL Commissioner