

SPECTATOR VIOLENCE IN YOUTH HOCKEY IN CANADA

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Key Questions:

- 1) Prevalence?
- 2) Types?
- 3) Why?
- 4) Impacts?
- 5) Responses?
- 6) Prevention?

Methods:

- 65 legal cases
- 59 of 120 interviews completed

Key Preliminary Findings:

- More often verbal aggression than physical
- Constraint on sport enjoyment, especially for referees and coaches
- Role confusion of former players turned parents
- Highly gendered
- Perception that parents hold the power, not coaches or organizations
- Substance misuse when violence is extreme
- Potential regional differences

