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Sun Parlour Female Hockey Association Fair Ice Policy – Travel Teams

The following are requirements and demands of competitive hockey:

- A high level of commitment to team success and individual development is required from all participants
- Excellent communication between coaches and players
- A balance between fair playing time and competitiveness

To meet these demands, the following fair ice policy is mandated for the Sun Parlour Female Hockey Association.

The basic assumption for all players and teams is that there will be an equal sharing of ice time, based on position(s). A coach is expected to give their best effort to ensure that this occurs. However, there are a number of circumstances during which the equal ice time requirement may be superseded. This includes, but is not limited to, team disciplinary measures, suspensions, or injuries. It is also recognized that, to a reasonable extent, coaches may use ice time as a motivational tool. Coaches may also choose to use certain players in key situations or during the last few minutes of a close game to give the team its best chance to win. This could result in some players finishing games with more ice time than others on a limited game by game basis. Due to these possibilities, all player's ice time may not be equal in each and every game.

Depending on the age and level of the players, a key concept is that coaches are expected to teach the tactical aspects of the game to every player. Throughout the course of the season, the coach is expected to allow all players a reasonable opportunity to use the skills taught in a game situation.

At the older age and higher level groups (Peewee AA, A, Bantam AA, A, BB and Midget AA, A, BB) over the course of the season, a coach may establish specialty teams. This can be done for both competitive reasons and to allow players to compete at their strengths and have the best chance to succeed.

At the older age and development level groups (Peewee BB, B, C, Bantam B, C and Midget B, C) over the course of the season, a coach is expected to develop each player in specialty team situations. This will allow each girl the opportunity to participate in a competitive specialty team game situation.

At the younger age groups, regardless of playing level (Novice AA, A, BB, B, C and Atom AA, A, BB, B, C) the coach is expected to introduce all aspects of the game and allow each player the opportunity to play in all game scenarios (power play, penalty kill, last moments of a game, etc.). This will ensure proper development of skill for all players.

Concerns about the implementation of this policy should be expressed to the head coach first through the team's stated communication policy, which may or may not include the team liaison.

In cases where a coach is obviously and blatantly abusing ice time and a communication resolution has been exhausted by those involved, written complaints can be sent to the VP of Travel Teams. The VP of Travel can use resources necessary to resolve the concerns, including intervention by the SPFHA Board of directors, where the matters will be investigated and appropriate corrective actions taken.