

North Bay & District Girls Hockey Association Policies and Procedures

Fair Play Policy

The Association's goal is to provide positive hockey experiences for players, officials, coaches, volunteers and opponents.

This is primarily accomplished by focusing on fun, development, and learning.

Typically, the most common concern in fair play involves a coach's policy on ice time. The association expects all coaches to follow these guidelines:

- a player's ice time and opportunities must not be determined by skill or a coaches desire to win - win or lose with the team you have;
- do not sit less skilled players to provide more ice time for higher skilled players; although this may provide a team with a better chance to win, it is inconsistent with the over-riding goal to develop ALL players;
- adjustments for disciplinary reasons must be handled in a manner that maintains a player's dignity and aimed at developing a positive experience.

Any deviation from this policy must be communicated, in advance, to the players, parents and the Association