



APHA Fair Play Policy



The APHA believes in and supports a fair play policy

What does this mean?

- Players get equal ice time on a game by game basis independent of their skill, goalies can split games or alternate games.
- Players go out when it is their turn.
- All players participate on the power play.
- All players participate on the penalty kill.

Additional Considerations

- Players are not put on a stop watch evaluating each and every shift.
- Players can be benched for disciplinary reasons although it is expected that this is the significant exception and used as a last resort.
- A players lack of understanding as to what must be done in a drill or during a game is not a ground for discipline.

Coaches Discretion

- We are not here to tell coaches what the format of their lineup should be (whether they need 9 F and 4 D or 8 F and 5 D).
- Coaches are free to choose who plays where.
- Coaches are free to choose who they want as an extra attacker.

Parents

Parents are free to speak to their coach(s) or parent liaison to address the issue of equal ice time if they feel it is not being adhered to.

If no results are obtained parents are free to speak to their Hockey Director from their home community centre.

If they feel it is still not being addressed they can bring it to the attention of the VP of Operations or the President of the APHA (who may then refer it to the coaches conduct or the whole board if necessary).

There will be no repercussions to the parent or the player for raising the issue either for the season in question or future years including tryouts.

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