

BC Hockey Policy – Expectation of Coaches/Team Officials

Those individuals accepting the position of coach do so knowing that they become the most important individual to the Team. By leadership the coach establishes a model that players will use to mold a significant portion of their attitude toward the game. This fact is especially true in minor hockey where players are in the formative years of their life.

Therefore, coaches or other Team Officials that circumvent the rules and regulations as established by hockey's governing bodies must be dealt with severely. Because in doing so these individuals are not only expressing their attitude toward the game but are molding the attitudes of the players surrounding them.

Following are a few points that Team Officials must keep in mind:

- 1) Abusive language by any Team member is not tolerated. The adults must set the standards and the controls.
- 2) Do not allow any abuse of Officials.
- 3) The official game report is in fact the official record of the contest. The coach must make sure that the information recorded on the game sheet is correct before signing.
- 4) Know the eligibility of all Team members. Ensure that members have all been properly carded or suspensions fully served before playing them.
- 5) Make sure games, Tournaments or other events are properly sanctioned before entering.
- 6) Know the procedure for registering any complaints. For any action to result concerns must be properly channeled.
- 7) See refer to the BC Hockey Guide for Hockey Administration for the Code of Ethics for travelling teams.

- 8) The use of any alcohol or drugs will not be tolerated. Anyone found guilty will be subject to suspension.

To help recognize outstanding coaching contributions the BC Hockey has established “The Ernie Gare Coach of the Year” award. Coaches who exemplify the ideals of fair play, fun, friendship and development are candidates for this award. Forward names and pertinent materials to the BC Hockey office. Deadline is April 15th. Awarded at the BC Hockey Annual General Meeting.

BC Hockey Policy – Expectations of Referees

Referees and Linesmen have a very important role to play in the game of ice hockey. They must apply the rules in a knowledgeable and consistent manner, from the opening face-off, to the final buzzer. Only when officials have been able to influence the players to avoid violations, will the final outcome be decided by skill and team effort.

Respect for an official is earned by officiating hockey games. It matters not what your HCOP level may be, BUT, how you handle the game on the ice.

Points to Consider:

1. Do you have pride in your appearance?
2. Do you have a positive attitude about your role as an official?
3. Do you strive to improve your skating and positional skills?
4. Can you communicate with players in stressful circumstances?
5. Do you apply the rules and guidelines consistently?
6. Do you command respect or do you impose control?
7. Do you exercise firm, but friendly, control in altercation situations?
8. Do you show interest and support for your fellow officials, as well as the minor officials?
9. Can you always say, "I did my best"?

The game of ice hockey is highly competitive, and can be stressful, but a competent official should never tolerate abusive language or actions to mar an otherwise enjoyable hockey game. BC Hockey expects a high standard of deportment and conduct by our officials, and only by fine example can they realistically expect others to follow.

As a final reminder, we would like to have all officials frequently review their Game Report and Match Penalty procedures. Only when the officials have adequately reported the circumstances of a penalty situation to the proper BC Hockey executive member for action, in a clear concise manner, will they, your executive, be able to support you in applying the rules.