



Kent Valley Hockey Association

Equitable and Fair Ice Time Philosophy

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Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA) values player development over individual game results. We want our players to look back at their time spent with KVHA with fond memories. Players play for fun and would rather get equitable and fair ice time on a losing team than sit on the bench of a winning one.

It is impossible for all players to receive the exact same number of shifts or minutes of play time in a single game. Many times the shift length depends on whistles or what end the puck is in. However, that said, we should strive to have equitable and fair ice time over 2-3 games.

Playing Time - Representative/Select/Travel Teams ("B", "A", Tier-II and Tier-I): Coaches have discretion to rotate personnel for specific game situations keeping in mind KVHA's overall commitment to player development.

Playing Time - Recreation/House Teams: As nearly as possible, equitable ice time shall be given to all players regardless of playing ability in all house league competition.

Our Parents have the responsibility to understand the challenges of equitable and fair ice time and speak up if you feel it is abused. Give our coaches some latitude and consider your position over at least 2-3 games. Please don't bring your stopwatch to the game.

Our Coaches have the responsibility to encourage players to be the best they can be, and provide equitable opportunities for them to develop self-esteem and sport skills. When they play their talented athletes more often, they make other players feel less important and deny them the chance to improve their skills.

Our Players have the responsibility to respect the fact that coaches spend a great deal of time preparing for practices and games. Players should make every effort to be prompt to practices and games, contribute a strong team work ethic and be willing to work hard and try to meet the challenges the coach presents.

KVHA encourages everyone to remain mindful that all parents pay the same for their player to participate. Therefore, that participation should be as equitable as possible for everyone.