

NORTH VANCOUVER MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION COACHES BOUNDARIES AND GUIDELINES FOR REP PLAYERS

As governed by PCAHA, all "C" division players and all U11 Rep team players will have equal playing time.

SHORTENED ROSTER

All Rep team rosters in all divisions will be filled to capacity, as approved by the North Vancouver Minor Hockey Association (NVMHA) Board of Directors prior to the season's start, regardless of the skills displayed by the players.

CALL-UPS

Rep coaches are encouraged to invite affiliated players to practices and games to train and play at a higher level. Coaches are expected to call-up affiliate players to games whenever regular players are missing from the roster. Coaches are also encouraged to call-up all affiliate players at some point during the season, whether it be for training or games, and not focus solely on the same players repeatedly.

SPECIALTY LINES

All players on a team must be taught how to play specialty lines and given the opportunity to play on a specialty line in a game situation. It is acceptable to use the strongest groups of players on specific specialty lines at important points during games.

BENCHING

Not due to lack of skills or due to mistakes because of skill level. A coach can deduct playing time from players for behavioural purposes, which include missing several practices without cause, arriving late without cause, not playing to their maximum capacity, attitude/sportsmanship, and not following coaching instruction.

WINNING

Players who possess a more advanced skill set can be given extra shifts in the last 10 minutes of important games where the goal difference is 2 or less.

Some of the above guidelines are restrictive; however, coaches are required to follow the Fair Play Guidelines (Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, PCAHA) and treat all players on a team fairly and encourage advancement and development.