



Rebounds- Notes from Coaches

Minnesota Hockey Coaches Association Newsletter

Hal,

Just a reminder for one of your notes to get the point across to parents that they are not doing the player or the team any favors by rewarding that player with money\gifts if they get goals, assists, shut outs etc.

I ran across this last year with our Pee Wee C team. This one kid had good skills but would never pass the puck. I found out he had incentive for him to get goals: cash! I brought this to the attention of the coach, it was squashed immediately.

Keep the articles coming, they are great!

Steve

There were several emails from coaches wondering why coaches still use "Punishment Skates" as part of their practice routines and expressing outrage towards those coaches. Although a frequent coaching tactic 25 years ago, we have learned since that there is no benefit from this activity and may in fact do more harm than good. Today's players are smarter about the game and recognize that a coach that employs this type of routine is not qualified to help young players develop. I have heard many stories about 9th grade players leaving bantam hockey to move on to high school because of coaching practices that include frequent sessions of skating to punish the players for some transgression that displeased the coach. Hal Tarse