

## **Coach in Chief Report**

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The new CEP program from USA Hockey is promising to be much improved with lots of attention paid to body contact and concussions. With the new program this year EVERY registered coach will have to take an on line module for the level that they coach. In the past level 4 and 5 coaches were exempt however that has changed with the new program.

Although there is a desire for Minnesota to quickly do something to address the pee wee checking rule change, the youth coaches are certainly capable of making the necessary adjustments as they teach their players this important part of the game. We already have a body contact video on the website and are currently breaking it down into pieces that can be used in the CEP clinics across the state by the District Coaches in Chief. If the board feels a need to do more we will assist in any way possible.

At this point it would seem prudent to wait and see what USA Hockey comes up with so we do not duplicate their efforts and unnecessarily expend funds.

The local association skills clinics will be offered again this year and Body Contact will be part of the offering.

## **Safety Committee Report**

The big topic here is the Concussion education issue. Minnesota Law requires that every youth coach receive concussion education and training. The USA Hockey program will satisfy the requirement for this year.

We would like to continue the injury data collection program however we appear to have a fairly high level of underreporting this year from D6 and as of yet have not received the D3 data. If the board wishes to continue this effort we need to improve compliance, follow up, and timely assessment. This will take a little budget money to continue the program? Our recommendation is to separate the injury incidence collection functions from the data aggregation and follow up functions. This would involve faxing the score sheets that have injury reports to one central place. These reports would be compared and added to the on line reports. The Districts involved would be responsible for insuring that reports were being filed and passing the information along. This will take an estimated \$3,000 of budget to accomplish in the coming year.