

# PARENT MEETING

A pre-season meeting with all players' parents helps coaches set the stage for expectations and an open line of communication. It is an opportunity for coaches to introduce themselves, their coaching philosophy, ideas on playing time, approach to long-term athlete development, practice methodology, and other information parents want to understand.

The parent meeting also sets expectations early so that parents have a clear understanding of team culture. Remind parents that as their role as a parent, yelling from the stands during games will not be tolerated. In addition, coaches reserve the right to address problems if necessary.

Parents should be encouraged to ask questions to help avoid future parent/coach conflict or misunderstandings.

Continue reading for ideas on what to address in a Parent's meeting.



USA Hockey provides the foundation for the sport of ice hockey in America; helps young people become leaders, even Olympic heroes; and connects the game at every level while promoting a lifelong love of the sport.



# PARENT MEETING AGENDA SAMPLE

## Welcome & Introductions

- The coach's background as an athlete, coach, parent, etc.
- Get to know the parents
  - Learn about their experience with ice hockey and/or other sports
  - Share best, worst, or funniest personal moments in sport
- Inform parents of any necessary training (e.g. SafeSport) and available resources (e.g. ADM)

## Coaching Philosophy

- Team values
- Honoring the game- show respect to all players, coaches, officials and parents
- Player expectations

## Team policies

- Playing time
- Travel policies
- Locker room policy
- Player and spectator codes of conduct

## Goals and Hopes

- Love for the game
- Improve knowledge of the game
- Ask parents about their goals and hopes for their child
- Set the stage for players to reach their long-term athletic potential

## Logistics

- Schedules
- Contact information
  - Who to contact if a conflict arises
- Necessary equipment

## Volunteers

- Ask for volunteers, if necessary
  - Scorekeeper
  - Locker room attendants
  - Manage any team sites or apps



# Key Questions for you, the Coach

## Coaching Philosophy

What are your Team Values?

What are your expectations for your players?

## Team policies

What is your policy for Playing Time?

What is your Locker Room Policy?

What are key aspects of your Player/Spectator Codes of Conduct?

## Volunteers

What are some key roles for you to engage your volunteers?

