Coach and Trainer Reminders

Hello Coaches,

Please see the following below regarding Change Room Policies, Ice Safety and ArcelorMittal Dofasco Zero Tolerance Policy.

Also, please see the Game Play Expectations, Practice / Drill Ideas and Course Reimbursement information

Change Room Policies

- Dofasco Rec Park policy is that all change rooms are locked before and after use, please exchange your keys at the main office to receive the change room key
- Photos / Videos are not allowed in the dressing rooms, as well as use of cell phones. This is a Dofasco Rec Park and Hockey Canada policy and could result in a suspension.
- Please follow the rule of two – Two coaches must be present in the dressing room, or have the door open with a coach in the doorway to monitor any inappropriate activity.
- Some teams may have girls or other players that choose to use another dressing room. Team talks should not commence until all players arrive in the main dressing room. All players must be dressed appropriately during this time
- For more on the dressing room policy see this link: https://cdn.hockeycanada.ca/hockey-canada/Hockey-Programs/Safety/Downloads/dressing-room-policy-e.pdf
- Due to the size of our change rooms, you may request that only one parent / guardian per player at a time to help dress your child. For U13 and older, parents are encouraged to not enter the change rooms - skates can be tied outside of the change rooms

Ice Safety

- No one (players or coaches) can be on the bench while the Zamboni is on the ice.
- No one is allowed on the ice while the Red Light is flashing. Do not throw pucks on the ice either.
- All players must keep their helmet with cage on at all times while on the ice or the bench.
- Parents (non coaches) are not allowed on the ice or the bench while a game or practice is active. If a parent needs to talk to their child, or adjust their equipment, this needs to be done outside of the bench.
- If anyone under the age of 18 is helping on the bench during a game, a helmet with cage is required to be worn.
- Coaches will need a helmet on the ice at all times. Hockey gloves are recommended.
- For younger ages divisions, we do allow minors (people under the age of U18) to be ice helpers. Please let us know if this is the case as we need add them to the roster for insurance purposes

Zero Tolerance Policy

Remember that we are a House League organization and we aim to provide a fun, safe and enjoyable environment for all players and their families. We need to act responsibly to our players, their parents / guardians, and to referees and other officials.

We have the same expectations from players and their families and fans, and if you experience any instances of abuse or inappropriate behavior, please report it to us and to the Rec Park staff immediately.

Dofasco Zero Tolerance Policy:
https://dofascorecpark.arcelormittal.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Final-Zero-Tolerance-of-Violence-Code-of-Behaviour.pdf

Game Play Expectations

- A reminder that all players are to play an equal amount of time. We realize that it's impossible for exact equal amount of minutes in hockey. There is no bench shortening, or intentionally short shifting certain players allowed during a game, All players should be given an equal amount of game starts by the end of the season.
- Please report if any player that has received a game misconduct or match penalty to the division convenor, and to the Select coach (if they are on that team). Here is the link to the OHF suspension list

https://www.ohf.on.ca/media/phnbtt20/2025-26-minor-hockey-minimum-suspension-list-final.pdf

Drill Hub / Practice Ideas

You can use the Hockey Canada Drill Hub for Practice ideas found on our website, or click here

https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/drill-hub

Please begin to wrap up practice a few minutes before the scheduled end time. It will take a while to gather pucks and have the kids vacate the ice. The Rec Park ice staff is very strict about keeping on schedule.

Hockey Canada Course Reimbursement

An email will be sent in late November to all coaches and trainers with instructions on fee reimbursement for any courses taken during the 2026-2027 season, if they choose to.

We hope you have a fun season!

Thank you

Dofasco Minor Hockey