



HOW TO KNOW WHEN KID'S HOCKEY IS TAKING OVER YOUR LIFE:

1. You base the next purchase of your new vehicle on whether it will hold six kids, six sticks, and six hockey bags.
2. You know the location of every hockey store within a 400 mile radius.
3. You relate directions to places by the nearest arena.
4. You know every kid on every team your child has ever played on, but don't have a clue who his school mates are.
5. You feel lost when you have a free weekend.
6. Your spouse waits until you decide where to sit and then chooses a spot on the opposite side of arena. (Or becomes head coach for same reason)
7. You become a partner in a skate sharpening business to save money. (Or buy your own skate sharpener)
8. You can justify complaining about someone who gives hundreds of hours of volunteer time to your son or daughter.
9. You ground your kids for a week (except for hockey practice).
10. You can rationalize spending \$159 on a Synergy for a 9 year old but won't spend \$5 on a Birthday card for spouse.
11. When someone asks how old your children are you respond, 'I have a Squirt and a PeeWee.'
12. You've had to use a grandparent to take kid #1 to a tournament because Dad was in a different town with kid #2 at a tournament and Mom had kid #3 two towns away in a 3rd tournament all in one weekend.
13. You have more miles on your '05 minivan than a '66 Chevy.
14. Practices make up a very large part of your social life.
15. You buy gloves according to how loud you can clap in them.
16. You find yourself missing the parents of your child's team mates during the off-season.
17. You refuse to make any plans with your friends until you check your kid's hockey schedule.
18. You've had to take out a home loan to pay for all the equipment and expenses.
19. Your new baby's first word is Zamboni.
20. All your computer passwords begin with 'hockey' or contain child's number.
21. You have purchased a new \$135.00 stick because old one 'didn't have any goals left in it.'
22. You know a few 5 year olds that are good but 'lack focus'.
23. You have had your kids ask if Christmas is 'home or away'.
24. You wonder if there is any way to deduct hockey costs on your taxes.
25. You clean the arena toilets more thoroughly than your toilets at home.