

First Year OYHA Players-

OYHA encourages coaches to give every player fair playing time, but OYHA requires that all OYHA **players who have passed the Level 3 test of Park and Rec receive fair playing time throughout the season.** Players who have not passed the Park and Recreation Level 3 skills test may earn game time at the discretion of the coach.

Disciplinary conduct may limit ice time for a player at the discretion of the coach. Tournament situations in which the team is playing for a chance at additional games or better opponents may also result in unequal ice-time at the discretion of the coach.

Definition of Fair Play Time-

Fair playing time means that all players who follow team rules and have passed the Park and Rec Level 3 test receive roughly the same amount of ice throughout the time that they meet these requirements. Effort is a discipline issue--players who do not make an honest effort to play or listen may forfeit their right to fair playing time. Exactly equal playing time is not possible in hockey. Different positions will allow for different amounts of game time--a team with two goalies will not be able to provide a full season of playing time for every other team member if more than ten skaters are on the team. Exactly equal playing time is not essential to achieving the mission of OYHA hockey. We want to put players in situations where they can be successful, but we also want them to stretch their abilities. Developing all players is more important than winning games. At every age level, every player who is working hard and paying attention and has demonstrated minimum competency by passing the Park and Rec Level 3 test deserves to play regularly.

Pg. 15 of the OYHA Operating Guide-Coinciding with the idea of coaching consistency is player development and participation. The coach will play all players. **Except for disciplinary conduct; each player should have fair playing time for the season.** Exceptions may be made, due to the game being played; playoffs/tournaments/etc...., at the Coaches discretion.-