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Hi Hal -

I coached for several years at the mite and squirt level, and always enjoyed your articles (I still do even though I am now a manager.) I wanted to ask if you have any thoughts on where to find some materials on the duties of a team captain. My son is a second year Pee Wee, and this year the coach is having a captain and two assistants. My kid is one of the assistants. I'd like to have him read what it means to be a captain. I can tell him to hustle more, be a leader, etc., but it seems like I am constantly preaching that anyway. Anything come to mind?

Thanks.

Rick Nelson

Great question Rick!

I have used a book by Jeff Janssen called "The Team Captain's Leadership Manual; The complete Guide to Developing Team Leaders Whom Coaches Respect and Teammates Trust.

To order a copy of the book go to www.jeffjanssen.com

Personally I do not believe that pee wees should have captains. Leadership is an art and a skill that is not normally found in kids that age. When I coached pee wees we did not have captains. I gave a copy of the book to my son's bantam coach today. He will make good use of it and help develop the leadership qualities of his captains. If a coach is going to have captains then it is a good idea to spend time with the captains during the year to discuss leadership issues. In any event the book is a great read.

Hal Tearse
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Hi Hal,

I am writing to say "thank You" for all your work in putting together articles about coaching the greatest game on earth, the game of hockey. I have been coaching Pee Wee A hockey here in Arlington, Massachusetts for the past seven years and I always enjoy reading your timely articles on hockey.
Keep up the good work and Thank You again.

Mark Boudreau

Arlington Pee Wee A

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Wow, Thanks for taking the time to drop me a note. It is nice to know that coaches read and appreciate the effort of the many people who allow me to use their material. Have a great season.

Hal Tearse
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