

Coaches Boundaries and Guidelines for Rep Players

As governed by PCAHA: All “ C “ division players and All Atom Rep team players will have equal playing time.

Shortened roster:

All Rep team rosters in all divisions will be filled to capacity as approved by the NVMHA board prior to the season's start regardless of the skills displayed by the players.

Call-ups:

Rep coaches are encouraged to invite affiliated players to practices and games to train and play at a higher level. Coaches are expected to call-up affiliate players to games whenever regular players are missing from the roster. Coaches are encouraged to call-up all affiliate players at some point during the season whether it be for training or games and not focus solely on the same players repeatedly.

Specialty Lines:

All players on a team must be taught how to play specialty lines and given the opportunity to play on a specialty line in a game situation. It is acceptable to use the strongest groups of players on specific specialty lines at important points during games.

Benching:

Not due to lack of skills or due to mistakes because of skill level. A coach can deduct playing time from players for behavioural purposes which include: missing several practices without cause, arriving late without cause, not playing to their maximum capacity, attitude / sportsmanship and not following coaching instruction.

Winning:

Players who possess a more advanced skill set can be given extra shifts in the last 10 minutes of important games where the goal difference is 2 or less.

Some of the above guidelines are restrictive, however coaches are required to follow the Fair Play Guidelines (Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, PCAHA) and treat all players on a team fairly and encourage advancement and development.