

RHA - OPEN HOCKEY POLICY

Open hockey is a time when players of a designated age group can work on individual hockey skills including skating, stick handling, shooting, etc. In addition, team skills including passing, position play, and team organization may be worked on. At open hockey, there is

**NO CHECKING - NO SWEARING - NO ROUGH PLAY - NO FIGHTING
NO COACHING**

**PLAYERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THIS TIME TO WORK ON
SKILLS THAT THEIR COACHES HAVE EXPRESSED THEY NEED TO
WORK ON AND HAVE FUN.**

Coaches are encouraged to skate with the Minis & Mites if needed to monitor the kids on the ice and provide positive reinforcement - again no practice or coaching – just fun!

A general rule of thumb is if attendance at the session is low, a player can move up one level above his/her skating level. Older players are often intimidating to younger players and playing down a level is not promoted. RHA will usually allow an older sibling to go out to work with a younger sibling.

Scrimmaging: Players may work individually, in groups, or may start scrimmages. Players should not be expected to play in scrimmages. One end of the rink should be set aside for players to work on individual skills.

Supervision: Open hockey is (not supervised) RHA has no PAID rink staff: Parents are expected to stay at the rink and help ensure a fun safe environment for all players.

Discipline: During open hockey will be handled by everyone at the rink, a verbal warning will be issued, if the player still does not follow the rules they will be asked to LEAVE. RHA reserves the right to not allow players to participate in OPEN HOCKEY.

Equipment: Players are required to have full equipment on at open hockey.

ONLY – Registered Players and Coaches are allowed on the ice.

OPEN HOCKEY IS PLAY AT YOUR OWN RISK