

## **WCMHA Competitive "Rep" League Program Objectives**

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This document describes the Program Objectives for Competitive "Rep" League teams within WCMHA. The purpose of the Program Objectives is to give a sense of the program intent, content, structure and commitment level required by players and parents.

**MISSION:** To provide an environment for good hockey players to play, to compete and to be developed at a high level.

### **WHO PLAYS REP HOCKEY:**

Rep players:

- have above average hockey skills,
- are competitive,
- are committed to hockey (after school and family),
- are physically and mentally fit,
- give a 100% effort at all times ( Intensity ).

**PARENTS:** The primary role of parents is to support and encourage their hockey player. Parents must be committed to the demands of Rep Hockey.

**WINNING:** Winning is part of the game and is important in Rep hockey but priority number one is on development.

**ICE TIME:** It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that a fair ice time policy is used. However, fair ice does not necessarily mean equal ice; the coach of your team may opt to play certain players for special situations, for example, the last 2 minutes of play (or 5 minutes running time).

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Specialty units for power play, penalty killing and others will be defined and used as deemed appropriate by the coach, particularly in the older age groups. These essential elements must be taught to all players.

**DISCIPLINE:** Clear rules and guidelines will be defined, applied consistently, and respected by all. Please see the WCMHA Code of Conduct.

**GOALIES:** It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that a fair rotation policy be used. However, fair does not mean equal and the general welfare of the team will supersede the specific interests of individuals. Goalie equipment is supplied by WCMHA up to the Peewee level.

**LEAGUE:** WCMHA Rep teams will participate in the ODMHA Competitive Rep. League.

**LEAGUE GAMES:** The number of league games is dictated by the ODMHA Competitive Rep. League Bylaws.

**ON ICE PRACTICES:** WCMHA strives to provide approximately 1 hour of practice ice per week. Rep teams may purchase additional ice as required.

**OFF ICE TRAINING:** Generally speaking not required; at the coach's discretion to implement in agreement with the players/parents.

**TOURNAMENTS:** Tournament participation is at the discretion of each team. WCMHA provides ice time during the Christmas holiday season and over March break for the following levels to host a tournament: Initiation, Novice, Atom & Peewee. The Bantam & Midget levels will be given \$150 to participate in a tournament.

**TRAVEL:** Travel will be required to participate within the associated league games. Generally, the league territory for Rep hockey is traditionally bigger than that of the house league. Additional travel may be required should any team decide to attend any out of town tournaments.

**EQUIPMENT:** Please remember that safety and protection are more important than looks and fashion and FULL hockey equipment is required at ALL times on the ice.

**DRESS CODE:**

- **ON ICE** - Black helmets, Black pants and team colored socks are recommended if new equipment is being purchased.
- **OFF ICE** - Coaches may prescribe in consultation with the parents a dress code for games and tournaments.

**REGISTRATION:** The WCMHA Executive sets the WCMHA registration fee annually. Total cost per player above the WCMHA registration is estimated at \$100.00. This additional cost would include tournament fees, exhibition games, etc. Teams may fundraise to cover the costs.

**MEETINGS:** It is recommended that there should be a minimum of 3 meetings per season with parents; one at the beginning of the season, one around Christmas and one at the end of the season.