

# West Carleton Minor Hockey Ice Time Policy

## Crusaders



### Category 1 (U10, U11)

#### Under Hockey Canada Pathway Programs

- All players play on equal rotations for the entire season, including tournaments. (aka "Next Player Up").
- Coaches are expected to follow Hockey Canada's Pathway Programs.
  - Game/Practice Ratio
  - Rotation of Positions
  - General Development Program
- All Players will play in all specialty team assignments throughout the season, including tournaments.
- Coaches are given the last 2 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit.
- Total variance in player ice time should only be 5% or lower.
- Goaltenders rotate on a game-by-game basis. Goaltenders can be pulled, or rotation can be broken provided there is no more than a 5% variance over the course of the entire season.

### Category 2 (U12, U13)

- Phase 1 - Start of regular play to regular end of regular season, including tournaments.
  - All players play on equal rotations for the entire season (aka "Next Player Up") for phase 1.
  - All Players will play in all specialty team assignments throughout the season.
  - Coaches are given the last 2 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit.
  - Total variance in player ice time should only be 5% or lower.
  - Goaltenders rotate on a game-by-game basis. Goaltenders can be pulled, or rotation can be broken provided there is no more than a 5% variance over the course of the entire season
- Phase 2 - Playoffs and including tournaments.

- Same as Phase 1 with the following exceptions
- Coaches are given the last 3 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit.
- Goaltenders are each given 1 start per playoff series then coach can adjust as he sees fit.
- Total player ice time variance cannot exceed 10% (by Position)

### **Category 3 (U14, U15, U16, U18)**

- Phase 1 - Start of regular play to February 1st, including tournaments.
  - All players play on equal rotations for the entire season (aka “Next Player Up”) for phase 1
  - All Players will play in all specialty team assignments throughout the season.
  - Coaches are given the last 2 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit.
  - Total variance in player ice time should only be 5% or lower.
  - Goaltenders rotate on a game-by-game basis. Goaltenders can be pulled, or rotation can be broken provided there is no more than a 5% variance over the course of the entire season.
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- Phase 2 – February 1st to Seasons End, including tournaments.
  - Same as Phase 1 with following exceptions
  - Coaches can establish specialty teams PROVIDED ALL PLAYERS have a role on either or both teams. Coaches NEED to consider how many shifts it takes to get back to a normal rotation if specialty teams are drawn from different lines or Defensive pairings.
  - Coaches are given the last 3 minutes to adjust line up as they see fit.
  - Goaltenders are each given 1 start per playoff series then coach can adjust as he sees fit (Playoffs)
  - Total player ice time variance cannot exceed 10% (by Position)

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