

FUN, FAIR PLAY AND SPORTSMANSHIP

REMEMBER, your team is made up of KIDS - KIDS want to have FUN.

FUN happens when there is **FAIR PLAY**, **FAIR PLAY** is the direct result of **SPORTSMANSHIP**, **SPORTSMANSHIP** is instilled by the **COACH**.

YOU ARE THE COACH!!!!!!

As a minor sports organization created for the purpose of providing and developing ringette in Calgary for the fun and enjoyment of all participants, the goal is to make it fun, playing it fair, and being good sports whether we win, lose or tie.

Of course winning is important; but winning is not always possible, and it is important that the kids are taught this. Realizing this now will stay with them (hopefully) for a long time.

As a Coach, Manager, and/or Parent, it is important that you set the trend, and an example - be a good example, not a bad example that damages both the attitudes of the kids and the reputation of the sport of ringette itself.



EQUAL TIME

Minor Sports is designed not only to be fun, but also developmental.

- Use your practice time wisely.
- Keep in mind that the basic skills are important and that without them, the technical concepts are impossible.
- As well, in order to utilize these skills to the utmost, a reasonable mix of practices and games must occur, for example, one practice and two games per week rather than game after game after game, etc.
- In practices, the players learn and develop their skills; in games they use them, showing strengths and weaknesses for future reference.

This brings us to EQUAL playing time.

As previously mentioned, winning is important but should not be gained at the expense of a kid missing a shift or getting less playing time than the next kid who might be a little better.

Absolute equality of playing time is virtually impossible, but as a coach or manager, you should strive to ensure that each and every player gets his or her fair share.

You'll be amazed at how much respect you will gain from the kids (and their parents) long after the score is forgotten.