

TORONTO LEASIDE GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION - GUIDELINES

ADOPTED MAY 23, 1996 & AMMENDED MAY 22, 2012



The Association

- Will provide an appropriate hockey program for all registered players through an inclusive, community-oriented house league and a variety of competitive, try-out based programs.
- Will provide appropriate training and certification opportunities for volunteers so they may be better prepared to provide leadership to the girls.
- Will clearly demonstrate its commitment to safety, sportsmanship and fair play.
- Will abide by and promote all policies and guidelines published by the Ontario Women's Hockey Association and Hockey Canada.
- Will ensure coaches and players understand and follow the principles listed below.
- Will encourage females to accept leadership roles throughout the organization.

The Coaching Staff

- Will respect and promote the objectives of the Association as noted above.
- Will encourage and develop the self-esteem of every player regardless of age or category.
- Will provide positive instruction and skill development opportunities equally to all players.
- Will provide appropriate game ice time to all players
 - i) House league players receive equal ice time except in the final minute of play in all regular season and playoff games. In Championship Finals, special rules apply but most of the game is played with equal ice time for all players.
 - ii) Competitive players receive "fair" ice time. Weaker players will normally receive equal ice time but may be asked to sit out during critical situations in important games. However, games defined as "important" may not exceed 25% of the team's entire schedule.
- Competitive coaches will select between 14 to 18 players (inclusive of goaltenders) for their team. Any deviation from this number must be approved by the board of directors.

The Players and Parents

- Will respect and follow direction given by coaches and officials.
- Will support and encourage all members of the team.
- Will follow the rules and spirit of the game of hockey.
- Will attend regularly and notify the coach in advance if an absence is unavoidable.
 - i) House League players must commit to 75% attendance.
 - ii) Competitive players must commit to 85% attendance in all team activities (games and practices). Attendance will be monitored on an ongoing basis by the coach and by the executive. Players may forfeit their position on the team if not meeting this commitment.