



## TASA MINOR HOCKEY

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### **FAIR PLAY POLICY**

#### **PREAMBLE**

TASA is a proud participant in the FAIR PLAY PROGRAM, introduced into minor hockey through Hockey Canada to enhance and promote **SAFETY** and **RESPECT** with all participants involved. The four main participant groups are: the players, the coaches, the officials, and the parents. How these four groups interact at any game determines how positive, or how negative, the event becomes.

Fair Play has five basic principles:

1. Respect the rules.
2. Respect the opponents.
3. Respect the officials and their decisions.
4. Have everyone participate.
5. Maintain self-control at all time

The purpose of introducing Fair Play into a minor hockey association's program is to encourage, foster and enhance the aspects of SAFETY and RESPECT, on and off the ice by all participants involved. Fair Play encourages all players to be as competitive as possible, but within the rules of the game. Fair Play does NOT take away from winning. It has been shown that Fair Play can enhance winning rather than detract from it.

#### **POLICY**

All Coaches in the TASA system shall operate with this Fair Play policy in mind. TASA expects that coaches operating from a Fair Play perspective will provide opportunities for all players to participate in as many game situations as possible; as determined by balancing the best chances for success at the individual and team levels. It shall be understood that the last 3 minutes of a game and in any overtime periods, the coach may have complete discretion over a player's ice time in order to increase the chances of individual and team success.