



Rules, Coaches, Refs, Parents, and Players

"Every young person has a unique skill. We have to recognize those unique skills, expect the most out of those skills, develop a relationship with the athlete and then reward them properly."

TALENT x (Right expectations of unique skills + Relationship with mentors + Reward system in place) = P3 or Per Person Productivity; by Chuck Grillo

Summer is a good time to think about our roles as coaches and how we impact our players each year. Thanks to Chuck Grillo, Pittsburgh Penguins/Minnesota Hockey Camps, for his thoughts above.

What a year for Minnesota players in the NHL draft plus bringing Mark Parrish home to play for the Wild. Dan Bauer's article ["Time to see the ice"](#) is an interesting comment about the issue of finishing high school hockey versus the AAA/USHL/NAHL alternatives for high school age players. High school hockey wins the day.

As I mentioned in the last issue, the rule book will rule. The article from USA Hockey, ["Standard of Enforcement"](#) is fair warning to all coaches and players that the rule book will be enforced beginning this season. You will hear much more about this as we get closer to the season.

["Riding the Ref"](#) is a must read for all coaches especially if you like to coach your team and the refs at the same time. Thanks to Doug Abrams for this article.

The last two articles are offered to pass around your association and board. They deal with why we do this and how we might do it better from a team selection process point of view. ["Keeping Teens in Sports"](#) shares why we want to keep kids playing all the way through high school. ["Unbiased Adults"](#) discusses the horrors of self serving adult board members and how to keep your selection process fair for all the players.

In the last issue we asked if any coaches would like to have on ice instruction to help them learn to teach skating. We had over 100 requests and as a result have set aside some funds to make this happen. If your association wants to host one of these sessions, please contact me. Your association needs to provide the ice time and we will provide the instructors. Thanks for responding.

I am off to the National Coaching Symposium in Rochester New York next week. I will hopefully be able to share some new information with you next month.

If you need to change your email address, drop off the list, or add to the list please use the function at the top of the page. I do not have access to the list.



See you at the rink!

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