



## What Happened To The Outdoor Ice?

This is the fourth issue of this ENewsletter and I appreciate all of the feed back and suggestions that I have received from many coaches around the state and country. I hope that many more of you will email me with your thoughts and ideas. The idea for this is to share information amongst the coaches around the state and to let this be a forum for Better Coaching. Looking for ideas? Check out the [\*Coaches Resource Center\*](#). The link is on the left side of this page.

In the next issue I will put in your comments and suggestions. Heck, even questions that you send I will try to answer or find someone to answer for you. Do not be shy. I will omit your name if you wish.

What a great time of the year. District play offs start in four weeks and then the race to the finish in March. Most of the Invitational tournaments will wrap up in early February with the out of town trips completed and lots of fun for all. I have some thoughts and coaching tips in one of the articles that you might want to review as you plan for the second half of the season.

I have heard some disturbing reports about some coaches who are scheduling 50 plus games for pee wees and foregoing practices. Another report is about coaches calling their female players fat and slow and using profanity in their conversations. A third report is about coaches who feel discussions about their social lives, drinking and girlfriends are appropriate locker room talk for young players - **they are not**. Be very clear – we as coaches are role models whether we like it or not! Hopefully we can all be aware of what we are saying to our players and the role modeling and behaviors we are presenting to impressionable youngsters.

Alarming News! Since the December issue two coaches have fallen during practices and suffered skull fractures and severe concussions. One of the coaches spent 10 days in the hospital. He survived only because he was close to top-notch medical care here in the Twin Cities. The other coach, from Moorhead, also had a severe fall and will be off his skates for at least 6 weeks. He was out of work for several days and must be very careful what he does for the next several months. Please wear a helmet while on the ice, hockey is fun but not worth dying for.

Please remember this is a kids game for kids and lets' all be sure they have fun every day they are with us on the ice.

See you around the rink!

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