

Dear: Parents / Hockey players

Well, it's that time of year once again. As we get ready to start our New Hockey Season, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone, and introduce your Coaching Staff.

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As a Coach in the Paris Minor Hockey system, my main goal is to have fun while teaching the basic fundamentals of hockey. I believe in positive reinforcement and fair ice time for everyone. I welcome the opinions and concerns of the Kids and their Parents, and use this open communication to bring everyone together as a whole team. This is my 16th year being a Coach and involved with the P.M.H.A.

As a past parent in the P.M.H.A. I have learned that it is important to have good communication with the Coaches and other Parents in the group. I enjoy the whole family atmosphere, from the first meeting, to the road trips, right down to the final yearend party. Oh and who could forget the Christmas party!

Team Goals and Expectations for the Year

For the Parents, *The game of hockey is for kids. Kids play the game because they love it and because it is fun. As parents we must all realize that, for kids, positive participation is always more important than excellence. The personal and social development that comes from being part of a team is one of the most enriching experiences offered by the game. We must continue to live the values of fun and fair play, respect, integrity and teamwork with a balanced perspective of expectations and definition of success. We must celebrate our good experiences with this great game.*

It's about play! It's all about family! It's about us all having fun and being kids!

So please let's try to remember to yell "POSITIVE" things during and after the game! (Trust me; I know this is difficult sometimes) Be on time, I know this is hard sometimes with work, but please try and make arrangements.

For the Players, *you guys are older now and have played hockey for a few years. It's time to start taking responsibility for yourself and your actions. This means coming prepared to play hockey, keeping a level head during the game, and I hate to say it, but making sure you have everything. I'd like to see everyone in the dressing room ready to go (Dressed) 20 min before the game starts. This will give us time to go over the pre game. **Code of conduct,** let's try a keep the horseplay in the dressing room to a minimum! This is a good way for someone to get hurt. Respect your teammates, coaches, parents, referees, and the other team. This means talk to them the way you would like to be talked too! And most important of all, remember to have an "Awesome" season.*

Game Plan, *my game plan is to have a fun and successful year. Give the players the confidence to feel good about what they have accomplished, and to promote personal responsibility. I would like to see the team attend 2 tournaments. I believe in Fair ice time. When I say fair ice time, I will try my best to play everyone equally. However, fair Ice time does not always mean equal ice time, lines may be altered to take advantage of game situations.*

Sincerely,

Al Sharpe