

## **Policy 10 – FAIR PLAY POLICY**

At the competitive level (AA and AAA) for the Atom division and higher, a coach may assume responsibility for unequal ice time in the final period of a game in a situation where a loss in that crucial game would significantly affect the opportunity for the team to participate in further competitions, i.e. playoffs or tournament play. This may on occasion result in unequal ice time for some players during key games. (This should not be interpreted as no ice time or that key games begin in November or that every game is a key game). The coach is encouraged to clearly communicate his or her reasons for unequal ice time at the parents' meeting at the beginning of the season. The Association supports an approach where equal participation occurs along with the win. This concept is equally applicable to February and March as it is in October and November. Any coach or manager who insists on a different philosophy may be suspended by the Board.

