

## Initiation/Tom Thumb/Novice Goalie Policy

- There are to be no permanent goalies in novice, tom thumb or initiation.
- All players are expected and encouraged by the coach to try the goalie position at least once prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> during league and/or exhibition games; however, no player will be forced to play goal if that player is adamant that he or she does not want to try it.
- Coaches are expected to begin rotating players in the goal position at the first regularly scheduled practice and game.
- Players optimally should have an opportunity to practice in goal at least once before playing a game as goalie.
- After January 1<sup>st</sup> coach must continue rotating all players in goal except those who specifically request to be taken out of the rotation and those players will be regularly rotated until the end of the regular season.
- At the conclusion of the regular season, heading into playoffs the coach has the discretion to pick two goaltenders to rotate for the playoffs
- No player in aggregate can play more than 25% of the team's total games, unless otherwise approved by the Level Director.