



Intro to Hockey (U-7/U-9) Goalie Policy

- All players are expected and encouraged by the coaching staff to try the goalie position at least once prior to January 1st of the hockey season, during a practice, league or exhibition game; however, no player will be forced to play goal if that player is adamant that he or she does not want to try it.
- If a child would like to play goalie a greater percentage of the time, this is also encouraged. At these levels, there are often 2 goalies on the ice so accommodating the others to rotate as well as the player wanting to be a goalie is possible and encouraged. If there are several players wanting to be goalies and/or there are not always 2 goalies in games, coaches should maintain some level of rotation. It is still encouraged to give those players more interested in goalie a greater share of the total games.
- 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.
- At the conclusion of the regular season at U-9, the coach has the discretion to pick two goaltenders to rotate for the playoff/final games.