

Taos Youth Hockey | Parent Guide

The coordinated efforts of parents, coaches, managers and the board should give all players a positive atmosphere to learn and play hockey. Good parent behavior is encouraged as an example for the team.

Parents are urged to support the manager and coach. They are volunteers and are giving their time and energy to their team.

The board will select coaches before the next season. Coaches should apply to the board for consideration.

Parents are asked to fill out the coach's evaluation form at the end of the season to help the board decide on next years' coaching assignments.

Throughout the year many teams attend tournaments and out of state games. If a division has a shortage of players the coach may consider rostering some out of town players to use on his team. This is done to insure that a small team doesn't play without a full bench and possibly wear out the players or become too tired in the 3rd period. Three 5-player lines are the norm in hockey. This is a common practice and should be expected if the team is lacking players.

The game of hockey is a team sport and teams are often made up of experienced players along with new and younger players. The more developed players should be encouraged to support and help their less skilled teammates. Parents can encourage this positive behavior. The goal is to lift the skills of the newer players and integrate them with their more experienced teammates.

Any problems encountered by parents should be taken to their team manager first. The board will intervene if issues cannot be settled within a team.