



# Reston Raiders Hockey Club

## Equal Ice Time - Policy

This policy covers all Reston Raiders Teams.

### Policy

The Reston Raiders believe in the development and well being of all participants in the Raider program, regardless of House or Travel. Our goal, first and foremost, is FUN HOCKEY FOR KIDS. Secondly, it is to help our players develop a passion for the game of hockey such that they will continue to enjoy it all after their playing days with the Raiders. It is with this in mind that the Raiders believe that developing player's skills and understanding of the game are paramount. To that end, the Raiders believe in an equal ice time philosophy, for all players, regardless of level or position with the team.

The Raiders do believe that some latitude is appropriate for older travel players (Bantam Blue and up) and that the coaches of these teams will have limited flexibility to employ game systems consisting of Power Play and Penalty Kill where necessary to be more competitive. This means that a coach, at his or her discretion, may utilize these systems in games where playoff or championship implications are on the line. However, it is understood that this flexibility is limited and not the standard by which coaches will manage their teams during the course of the season.

Although it is unlikely that any coach will be selected who does not support the philosophy of the Raiders program of equal playing time policy, or a focus on developing ALL players regardless of their standing on the team, the club will not tolerate a coach who fails to operate under these guidelines. As such, any violation of this policy will immediately be brought to the attention of the Club Head Coach.