

Education and Involvement of the Community

One of the principal goals of this change in Mite hockey is to make it more attractive to potential hockey players, both those already in our initiation programs and those who have not yet realized that hockey is the right sport for them. Each organization will have to make it a priority to make the new form of hockey affordable, fun and manageable for more people. We may lose a few parents who think that cross-ice or ½ ice is not “real” hockey. We should be able to attract more players once the parents see how much fun their kids have. There are a number of good educational resources out there. A partial list includes USA Hockey’s Cross Ice program, the IIHF materials, and USA Hockey Magazine’s article in September 2004 (which is available on the website).

Cell Phones in Locker Rooms

USA Hockey *strongly recommends* that all Local Associations **ban possession of cell phones from locker rooms**. VSAHA endorses this recommendation. The reason, of course, is privacy. Cell phone cameras have been surreptitiously used to photograph players in various stages of undress.

All participants in VSAHA activities, including parents, should be aware that photographing or filming the intimate areas of another person without his or her consent is a criminal offense in the State of Vermont. Section 2605 of Title 13, Vermont Statutes Annotated provides:

- (1) The intimate areas of another person without that person's knowledge and consent while the person being viewed, photographed, filmed, or recorded is in a place where he or she would have a reasonable expectation of privacy; or
- (2) The intimate areas of another person without that person's knowledge and consent and under circumstances in which the person has a reasonable expectation of privacy.
 - (b) No person shall intentionally view, photograph, film, or record in any format.
 - (c) No person shall disseminate any image recorded in violation of subsection (b) of this section.