

“You Might Be a Desperate Hockeydad If” © 2006

1. You find fault in everyone else's kid --- but not your own.
2. You have nothing better to do than watch every single practice your kid has.
3. You make it your business to give hockey advice to every kid and parent you run into.
4. You make it your business to give high school & prep school advice to every kid and parent you run into.
5. You make it your business to give career advice to every kid and parent you run into.
6. You have told a kid “You are my favorite pee-wee player in the world.”
7. You try to organize your own hockey schools, even if you are not qualified to do so.
8. You threaten to keep your kid off a team because you don't like another player that might make the team.
9. You offer to “sponsor” the team --- if your kid makes it.
10. You tell the coach that you only want one goalie on the team --- your kid.
11. You have mastered the process of tearing other hockey people down to make yourself look better.
12. You are traveling more than 20 miles to play on a team when there are comparable ones around.
13. You act like you know more than your child's coach --- a guy who played 10 years in the NHL.
14. You run at the mouth in the rink about your coach, and then smile ear-to-ear when they come out of the locker room.
15. You organize clinics to generate a little extra cash for your child's coach, and he makes them mandatory.
16. You have ever threatened “I'll see to it that so-and-so never makes a team or gets a scholarship.”
17. You go to watch the games of 9 year old children who are not your own to scout them.
18. You wreak havoc on your fellow youth hockey parents, players, and coaches for years – and then your kid quits.
19. You leave a trail of unpaid bills and broken friendships in your quest to get your kid to the top.
20. You offer your coach sports tickets or rounds of golf more than once a month.
21. You complain to the coach that your son should be on the first power play --- in spite of his having missed the last 3 practices.
22. You start complaining relentlessly about your coach and team --- and planning for “next year” --- before Thanksgiving.
23. You spend 100 hours during the month of March trying to put together the next “super team” in your area.
24. You have been physically attacked by another parent --- or initiated such an attack.
25. You spend more than 10 minutes a day on the phone talking about youth hockey.
26. You tell somebody you can't pay them the money you owe them, and then go to the hockey store and buy a new \$200 stick.
27. You consider yourself a hockey expert because your child has moved through mites and squirts, and is now a pee-wee.
28. You make it your business to give career advice to every kid and parent you run into.
29. You are visit internet youth hockey discussion boards hourly or daily.
30. You sneak \$20 bills to your son's teammates to make them like you.
31. You spend 10 minutes publicly dissecting the poor play of your child's 10 year old rival.
32. You've never dropped a bead of sweat, been knocked over, or been sick as a dog while out on the ice with the kids -- but you tell everyone and anyone that you could still do a better job than your coach.