

## **HOW TO KNOW WHEN KID'S HOCKEY IS TAKING OVER YOUR LIFE.**

- 1 You base the next purchase of your new vehicle on whether it will hold six kids, six sticks, and six hockey bags.
- 2 You know the location of every hockey store within a 400 mile radius.
- 3 You relate directions to places by the nearest arena.
- 4 You know every kid on every team your child has ever played on, but don't have a clue who his school mates are.
- 5 You feel lost when you have a free weekend.
- 6 Your spouse waits until you decide where to sit and then chooses a spot on the opposite side of arena. (Or becomes head coach for same reason)
- 7 You become a partner in a skate sharpening business to save money.
- 8 You can justify complaining about someone who gives hundreds of hours of volunteer time to your son or daughter.
- 9 You ground your kids for a week (except for hockey practice).
- 10 You can rationalize spending \$159 on a Synergy for a 9 year old but won't spend \$5 on a Birthday card for spouse.
- 11 When someone asks how old your children are you respond, 'I have a Squirt and a Peewee.'
- 12 You've had to use a grandparent to take kid #1 to a tournament because Dad was in a different county with kid #2 at a tournament and Mom had kid #3 two states away in a 3rd tournament all in one weekend.
- 13 You have more miles on your '05 minivan than a '66 Chevy
- 14 Practices make up a very large part of your social life.
- 15 You buy gloves according to how loud you can clap in them.

16 You find yourself missing the parents of your child's team mates during the off-season. (But your liver thanks you)

17 You refuse to make any plans with your friends until you check your kid's hockey schedule.

18 You've had to take out a home loan to pay for all the equipment and expenses.

19 You plan the birth of your next child so he has a good hockey birthday.

20 Your new baby's first word is Zamboni.

21 All your computer passwords begin with 'hockey' or contain child's number.

22 You have purchased a new \$135.00 stick because old one 'didn't have goals left in it.'

23 You know a few 5 year olds that are good but 'lack focus'.

24 You have had your kids ask if Christmas is 'home or away'