



# Hockey Director Round Table

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# Discussion Topics

- Challenges Hockey Directors Face
  - Current situation
  - Finding coaches
  - How to maintain focus on all teams/kids, not just the top teams (player centered vs coach centered)
  - Competition vs Development Model
  - Parent expectations
  - Coach Preparedness/Continuing Education
  - Membership Communication



# What makes a great youth sports experience?

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Answers: FUN improvement development community role models, return to play, retention, parity, competition, friendship, positive competition, appropriate level of play, life skills, experience winning/losing, parent buy-in, quality coaching, respect



# What are the most important elements of good practice design?

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Answers: age appropriate, balance, structure, progression, , game like, skating, movement, reps, no lines, preparedness, no white board, flexibility,

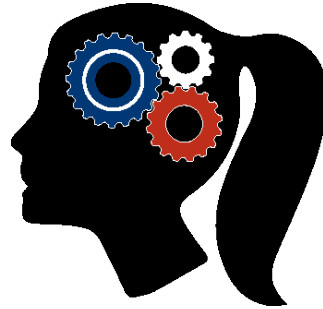


# 5 Essential elements of good practice design

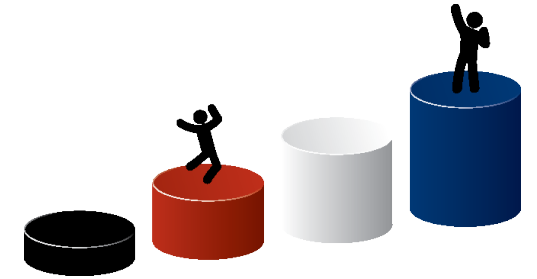
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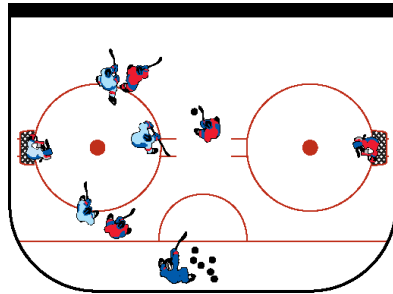
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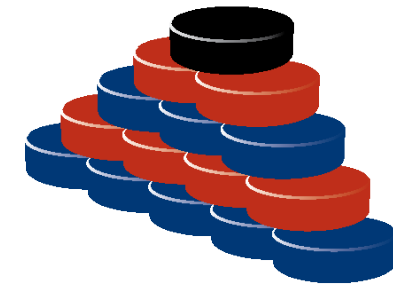
Constant decision making



Challenges the players



Looks like the game



Lots of puck touches

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Is there development happening?

How do you know?



# Do You Agree?

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## James Gee: how good video and computer game designers manage to get new players to learn long, complex and difficult games.

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*Make sure to download USA Hockey Member Services' Return to Rinks Toolkit for a complete offering of resources for Return to Rinks including:*



- Social Media messages, photos and graphics
- Hockey Activities
- Email artwork
- Posters
- Web Banner Ads
- Need more ideas? Watch the “Communicating With Your Members” Webinar on USA Hockey’s YouTube channel.

<https://www.usahockey.com/page/show/4965656-program-services-resources>





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