

## You know you're a hockey parent when you...

30. have more miles on his '02 minivan than a '66 Chevy.
29. have had to Use a grandparent to take kid #1 to a tournament because Dad was in a different state with kid #2 at a tournament and Mom had kid#3 two states away in a 3rd tournament all in one weekend.
28. know every single kid on every single team your child has ever played on..... But doesn't have a clue as to who his school mates are.
27. ground your kids for a week (except for hockey practice)
26. chuckle when a co-worker says his kids play soccer.
25. take out a home loan to pay for all the equipment and expenses.
24. complain about ice time when only 10 skaters showed up to that game
23. plan birth of next child so he has a good hockey birthday.
22. shout "Watch this, watch this" every time Junior touches the puck in practice.
21. find your new baby's first word is Zamboni
20. need new personalized license plates (again) since child changed teams.
19. find that the volume of hockey related e-mail at work exceeds business related e-mail....during the off season.
18. use the term "illegal recruiting" in a post discussing 96's
17. find that all your computer passwords begin with "hockey" or contains child's number.
16. have been barred from more than one rink on more than one occasion
15. notice all photos of family vacations have a Canadian flag in background!
14. keep stats .....at practice!
13. can rationalize spending \$159 on a Synergy for a 9 year old but won't spend \$5 on a Birthday Card for his/her mom.
12. have more Hockey Mom T-shirts and Sweat Shirts than shoes.
11. hate sending Christmas cards, because the stats only show half the season!
10. had to explain that the pilgrims didn't play hockey, and Thanksgiving is actually a holiday, not just a tournament!
9. purchases a new \$135.00 stick because old one didn't have any goals left in it.
8. can't compose a sentence, or have a conversation, that doesn't use at least one of the following words: "elite", "select", "AAA", Nationals", "premier" or "tryouts"
7. think a '93 Merlot Select is a new NJ hockey team, and wants to know when tryouts are?
6. know a few 5 year olds that are good but "lack focus"
5. have had kids ask if Christmas is "home or away"
4. want to try for another, so we can start younger!
3. , when asked to decide between try-out and first communion- asked church what his options were!
2. received a letter from AAA Automobile Club and called for more info about tryouts.
1. when someone asks how old your children are, you respond "I have a 93 and an 90".