

POWERPLAY PHILOSOPHY

A. PRIORITIES:

- Score
- Control the puck and the play
- Keep/don't lose momentum
- No shorthanded goals

B. PREMISES TO KNOW AND LIVE BY:

- The correlation between a great power play and winning is high
- Most power play goals come off rebounds
- A lost face off in the offensive zone eliminates an average of "27 seconds" power play time
- 5 players getting outworked by 4 is no longer a power play
- Verbal and non verbal communication is important
- You must be prepared to react to both pressure and passive penalty killing systems
- Technically and tactically, the key concept is SUPPORT!
- Create 2 on 1's everywhere
- Skate/move off the puck
- Outman then on the puck everywhere

C. DEFENSIVE THROUGH NEUTRAL ZONES:

- Make first pass
- Have speed on attack and entry whenever possible
- Enter down wall
- Get puck to hash marks before delaying/look for your outlet support
- Do not try to stick handle through defense

D. OFFENSIVE ZONE TACTICS:

- Take control and use quick puck movement
- D-men play their off-hands (whenever possible)

E. OFFENSIVE ZONE FACTS:

- Be in the triple threat position regardless of position
- D-men - shots at middle of net, about a foot off the ice, (Don't necessary try to score on net)
- Fwds - #1 priority is a 'walkout'

F. PLAYER QUALITIES (the five players we would want on the ice):

- A defenseman with a cannon (known shooter who can scare opp.)
- A defensemen/forward that is deceptive and can pass (quarterback)
- A skilled forward that can see the ice, find his teammates and pass (playmaker)A shooter (forward)
- A big, tough forward with some skill that is disciplined in front of net
- One or two of the forwards who can win face offs