

Coach's Edge

The Typical Four Hockey Associations

Coach's Edge has described four types of Associations we have typically seen. They are as follows:



- **The Darwin Hockey Program of Natural Selection:** In these Associations, players are put into tiers based on their innate gifts and are seldom moved up or down according to their successes or failures. It is an association that subscribes to the idea that the stronger will survive and the weaker will not. Not all players have the ability to achieve – some are weak and some are strong. Some are born to be Hockey players others are not.

- **Pontius Pilate Association:** Within the walls of this Association, coach's prescribe drills and then wash their hands of the players. After all, the coaches have drawn it out on the board and the players are now responsible for the rest. The coach provides the drills and if the player does not develop then there is little responsibility on the part of the coach.

- **Chicago Cubs Hockey Association:** The Chicago Cubs have one of the worst records in sports – wins are rare yet the fans always enthusiastically support the team. At the Chicago Cubs Hockey Association, there is a warm and fuzzy environment created where expectations are low, but all are excited to be there.

- **Henry Higgins Association:** These Associations demand high expectations for all, and the coach's will ensure that all players work hard and develop their skills for the next level no matter how much grief, consternation, sacrifice, or time it takes for the coach's and players.

Do any of these Associations describe yours? Or, do you see some of these Associations within yours?

Which one would you want your child to play for???



Coach's Edge knows, from 30 years of coaching experience, the Henry Higgins Association works! Let us work for you!