



Coaching Application

Please print clearly and complete all information.
Return Date: ASAP

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Season Requested: _____ to _____

NOTE: Coaches may be requested to participate in Player evaluation.

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail: _____

Coaching Position Requested: Head Coach Assistant Coach

Division Requested: Mite Squirt Pee Wee Bantam Midget

How many seasons have you coached ice hockey? _____ Other sports? _____

Please Describe: _____

USA Hockey Certification: None Initiation Associate Intermediate Advanced

USA Hockey Education Program Card Number: _____

Please Describe Personal Playing Experience: _____

Names, ages and divisions of any children in the program:

I would like to coach with: _____

I understand it is my responsibility to begin/continue participation in the USA Hockey Coaching Certification Program and to attend any coaching clinics scheduled by the MeAHA Hockey Director. As the coach, I will follow the USA Hockey practice policies and commit my leadership to a team for the entire season.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: Include with this *Application*, an *Acknowledgement of Duties*, and *Completed Questionnaire*.

Completed applications must be e-mailed or Faxed 873-3435



Acknowledgement of Coaching Duties (Page 1 of 2)

As a coach with the Zone 4 Hockey Association, I understand it is my responsibility to provide leadership and set the standard for sportsmanship, both on and off the ice, for my players and their parents. I agree to abide by the policies, rules and guidelines as set forth by USA Hockey.

*Zone 4 Hockey Association, recruits and develops volunteer coaches whose role is to help players get the most out of their participation in ice hockey, and to set a positive role model and example for the players. Zone 4 coaches are expected to provide team leadership for the duration of the season. Coaches are expected to participate in Coaching Achievement Program clinics offered by USA Hockey.

*Each team will normally be assigned a Head Coach and two Assistant Coaches. While each coach may share equally in the duties required to run the team, the final responsibility belongs to the Head Coach. Coaches are to ensure that themselves and their players adhere to all the Zone 4 and USA Hockey standards. These standards include the USA Players and Coaches Code of Conduct and Rules of Discipline.

*Coaches should develop relationships with their players so that they can teach and lead them. Coaches should also develop relationships with parents in order to provide a fruitful and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Coaches and parents should develop a working relationship that will help players achieve his/her maximum benefit

*The on-ice conduct of hockey teams is a direct reflection of the coach's attitude toward the game. Dirty play, roughness, verbal abuse of officials and general profanity will be considered a product of the coach's approach to the game. Coaches will share responsibility with the parents and players for a player's action during games and practices and while in any arena facility. All coaches need to pay extra attention to their players on and off the ice. Coach must be aware of all activity on the ice at all times. Watch for behind the play cheap shots and dirty play. It's your responsibility to bring this behavior to the attention of the player and take necessary action to control the behavior. A player can be benched for a shift, a period or the entire game. Aggressive behavior must be controlled and addressed. Please be sure to talk with the parents and player after the game so everyone is aware of why the player was benched.

*Another job of the coach is that of communicator. The coach must make sure that all players and parents are aware of the game and practice schedules. The coach should be able to clearly communicate season, practice, and game objectives to players and parents. A good coach must also listen to the concerns expressed by players and parents in order to maximize the hockey experience for all involved. The coach may use a team manager to assist in the communication effort.



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Basic Responsibilities

1. Coaches must be present before, during and after games and practices in order to coach their players. A coach must always be present on the ice when players are on the ice for practice and on the bench when players are on the ice for games. Dressing rooms are to be supervised by team coaches while in use before and after games and practice. Rostered players and coaches should be the sole occupants in the dressing rooms before and after games and practices except in instances where a player needs assistance from a parent or if a coach cannot be present, it is the coach's responsibility to make proper arrangements for a suitable coach/adult replacement.
2. Coaches ensure that each player is afforded optimum playing and practice time, based upon the Zone 4 team objectives.
3. It is the coach's responsibility to be prepared with game and practice plans before his team goes on the ice. Coaches must maximize the use of ice time and organize practice so that it builds game philosophy. The use of scrimmages at practice should be minimized so that more emphasis can be placed on the development of individual skills. The small area games (2x2 or 3x3) should be controlled and add to the players' learning experience.
4. Coaches will organize off-ice training for the team approximately 2 times per week. This can take place before or after practices or on an alternate day.
5. Coaches will help enforce the USA Hockey's guidelines regarding the wearing of required hockey equipment during all games and practices. The coach should bear a major role in ensuring the safety of his players while they are on the ice.
6. Coaches unable to complete a season for any reason will be required to reimburse the Zone for the supplies, including score sheets and pucks, not by the coach.
7. Coaches shall show appropriate respect and sportsman like conduct to officials, players, parents and opponents. There will be no drinking or profanity by coaches at any time around players, parents, fans or in the arena or arena parking lots. The consumption of alcohol prior to a game or practice or while supervising USA players, use of profanity or other improper conduct (including roster or schedule changes without Z4 Board approval) will be subject to disciplinary action up to dismissal from Zone 4.
8. Coaches are required to enforce and follow all IHA policies, disciplinary actions and USA Hockey rules.
9. **No coach may make any additions or substitutions from official USA Hockey Team Roster without written permission from the Zone 4 Hockey President and Board Approval.**
10. **No coach may schedule any tournament or out of town trip without Z4 Board Approval.**
11. **No coach will be allowed to schedule any games with a team that isn't USA Hockey registered for any reason. This includes scrimmage games, pick up games and practice games.**
12. **Coaches are not allowed to suspend a player without the written Z4 President consent.**

To Play the game is great to love the game is greater

Signature _____ Date _____



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1. Explain in general terms your philosophy of coaching.
2. Assuming you are successful in obtaining a position as a coach, Explain your seasonal plan, goals, and expectations.
3. Excluding hockey, do you have any experience or qualifications as an instructor of children?
4. List in detail your experience in hockey which will assist you in performing the position you seek. i.e. Refereed, level of hockey played and number of years at that level.
5. How will you use on and off ice assistance during practices and games?
6. What is your attitude towards winning and losing?

