



IceForum Hockey Association Coaching Application

You must have a current USA Hockey Registration Number, if you do not, please register at usahockey.com.

Please complete this application if you are interested in coaching with the IceForum Hockey Association. Coaches may be requested to participate in Player evaluation.

Please print clearly and complete all information.

Return by: ASAP

Rink: Duluth___ Kennesaw___

USA Hockey Registration Number:_____

(not your coaching certification number)

Program: Spring 200...___

Fall 200...-200...: House___ Travel___

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail: _____

Coaching Position Requested: Head coach _____ Asst. coach _____

Division: 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: _____

Personal playing experience?

Please Describe: _____

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 IceForum Hockey Director. As the coach, I will follow the IHA practice policies and commit my leadership to a team for the entire season.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

**Completed applications must be e-mailed:
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ICEFORUM HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COACHING DUTIES

As a coach with the IceForum Hockey Association (IHA), 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 and IHA.

1. *IceForum Hockey Association (IHA), recruits and develops volunteer coaches whose role is to help players get the
2. most out of their participation in ice hockey, and to set a positive role model and example for the players. IHA coaches are expected to provide team leadership for the duration of the season. Coaches are expected to participate in IHA coaching clinics and the Coaching Achievement Program clinics offered by USA Hockey.
3. *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 IHA and USA Hockey standards. These standards include the IHA Players and Coaches Code of Conduct and Rules of Discipline.
4. *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 potential
5. *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.

6. *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.

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 IHA team objectives.
3. It is the coach's responsibility to be prepared with game and practice plans before his team goes on the ice. Practices should be instructive and challenging for the players. For house league teams, the practices will include 30 minutes of combined teams full ice-skating drills and 30 minutes half ice team strategies. 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 IHA and 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 IHA for the supplies, including score sheets and pucks, not supplied 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 IHA players, use of profanity or other improper conduct; to include roster changes and changing schedules without IHA approval, will be subject to disciplinary action and/or lead to dismissal from IHA.
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 IceForum Hockey Director or Hockey Administrator.**
10. **No coach may schedule any tournament or out of town trip with our filing travel request with Hockey Director or Hockey Administrator.**
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 from the team without the written consent of the Hockey Director.**

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICIAL COACHES APPLICATION 1/30/2009