

Director of Development

As Director of Development for STAHA, I will focus on developing players and building and growing programs at every level, while providing additional clinics for the advanced skilled players. I am passionate about helping hockey players, and therefore STAHA, to grow, increase skill level and competency, which I think helps engage players and helps them to continue to enjoy the sport.

Working with the Director of Recreation and the Coaching Director, I believe we can meet both the needs of the players within our organization and encourage new players to join us, which will help STAHA as a whole.

My experience includes over 20 years of coaching on ice on both the East Coast and the West Coast, with over 10 years here at the South Tahoe Ice Arena.

- During my years as the Programs Director for the City of South Lake Tahoe's Recreation Department, I:
 - Developed learn-to-skate programs for hockey and figure skating, with over 100 skaters enrolled in each 12-week session
 - Developed in-house Mite teams (4 teams of 16-20 players each) and utilized corporate sponsorships to help reduce cost to the players.)
 - Created and offered Power skating clinics, pass and shoot clinics, and other similar opportunities designed to develop both new and experienced skaters

I grew up figure skating on the East Coast and was also immersed in the hockey culture from a very young age. As a parent of three hockey players, I have been part of the STAHA organization for nearly ten years. My involvement at STAHA has included coaching during the Spring season, and serving as the SafeSport Coordinator years ago. I have watched the Association struggle in many aspects and believe I can assist in regaining confidence, quality, and unity among the board and members.

I understand and love the game of hockey and I look forward to being able to help STAHA and our players continue to grow and develop in new ways each year.

Thank you for your consideration,

Leigh-Ellen Yarbrough