



## **Community Service Program**

Bethlehem Youth Hockey Association (BYHA) is dedicated to providing the youth of our community with the best possible hockey experience by emphasizing sportsmanship, cooperation, self discipline, self confidence, individual responsibility and respect for others, in addition to teaching team play and developing their individual skills. BYHA recognizes that an invaluable component of such development is participation in community service activities within the community. As such, we support the local high school students seeking to volunteer and work with BYHA to gain credit toward their community service requirements.

High school student volunteers are expected to play an active role with BYHA programs by directly interacting with the membership of the programs and demonstrating good values, leadership and responsibility in their tasks and actions in accordance with the requirements and guidelines established by BYHA.

### **Opportunities and Requirements for Community Service Credit include the following:**

- On-ice student coaching (with permission of team Head Coach and BYHA Registrar for USA Hockey certification). The volunteer should be helping with drills, demonstrating skills etc and providing positive feedback and encouragement for the younger players and setting a good example of sportsmanship.
- Mentoring younger hockey players. Sports are an excellent developmental tool to better the growing individual, and having an older mentor to talk with at the rink can be very beneficial. Having the "team Big Brother/Sister" role can be a mentor/mentee asset.
- Participating with tournaments, jamborees, or other events where the student is interacting with parents, coaches, BYHA Board members or players to assist in operations of the event. This can include time clock, penalty boxes and general event assistance, especially in the case when no BYHA teams are on the ice.
- Setting up/handing out of Learn To Play equipment
- Helping to organize equipment and distribution
- Helping to run a concession stand, raffle table or other similar event
- Assisting with dry-land training
- Helping distribute program flyers to local stores and schools

### **Actions not qualifying for Community Service Credit include the following:**

- Activities generally not having a significant impact or interaction with the BYHA programs or players
- Opening penalty box doors during regular season games

- Running the time clock or score sheet during **regular** season games (exception, see above)
- Running a bench door during a game. (Students are not USAH qualified to operate in this capacity)
- Cleaning locker rooms after teams depart
- Attending practices yet standing around or involved in horse-play with others

### **Certification/Administration**

Volunteers needing certification must obtain the appropriate signature from the Secretary of BYHA and certification will only be granted after the Secretary consults with the appropriate adult supervisors to verify that the obligations and requirements of time and actions have been met as described above.

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