



## **Student Coaches**

Another mechanism for player development within Bethlehem Youth Hockey is the Student Coach program. USA and NYSAHA Hockey rules allow for players 17 and under years of age to participate as Student Coaches for teams at least 2 skill levels lower (Bantam can assist with Squirt and below). BYH further restricts this to Bantam and higher level players. Specific paperwork (which can be found on the BYH Website under the Documents section) must be completed and approved by either the BYH President or Vice-President before the player participates as a Student Coach. Players from outside BYH may participate as long as they are currently registered with USA Hockey and do not present a recruiting violation situation – this will be addressed on a case by case basis and requires agreement between the Presidents of both BYH and the other organization.

Upon approval the Registrar must be notified so the Student Coach can be assigned to the appropriate team's paperwork.

### **Requirements/guidelines:**

- Must attend a brief training session conducted by BYH.
- Must always be under the supervision of a carded, screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, try-outs, and in the locker room.
- May help out at practices, clinics, try-outs only. (May not play during scrimmages or games).
- Must wear a helmet with full face shield, gloves, and skates while on the ice. Must wear helmet during games while on the bench.
- The organization that is using the student coach must provide a form indicating on what team he/she is participating as a student coach, and, if applicable, what team he/she is properly registered/rostered as a player.
- Upon reaching the age of 18, the student coach must comply with all USA Hockey coaching and screening rules and regulations.
- May not act as the head coach or assistant coach during practices or games.

This program may be discontinued at the Board discretion.