

Player Development Committee

Description and Application Procedure

Job Description: The Player Development Committee's mission is to provide oversight of the hockey program. It is committed to improving the skills of each and every player within the River Lakes Hockey Association; accordingly, the PDC must devote equal time, attention and effort to provide the best possible learning environment for each skater and each level of play. The PDC orchestrates player development, selection of coaches, on-ice instruction program, and execution of tryout/player placement activities within the guidance and policies established by the Board of Directors.

Committee Membership:

Association and Coaching Education Coordinator: (ACE) Currently the ACE coordinator is on a two year rotation amongst committee members. The River Lakes ACE Coordinator will be selected through Board of Directors.

Description: The ACE coordinator will have the following job responsibilities:

- Plan, organize, and execute periodic skills workshops for coaches, players, and parents.
- Evaluate practice sessions and provide feedback to coaches to improve the coaching capability of local association coaches.
- Establish and maintain a resource center for coaches, players, and parents that include USA Hockey materials.
- Communicate certification requirements to local association coaches and ensure compliance with USA Hockey and affiliate certification levels.
- Communicate with the District ACE Coordinator, their affiliate ACE Coordinator, and USA Hockey on all issues related to coaching at the association level.
- Encourage local association to implement the USA Hockey skill development and cross-ice programs. Ensure that the local association is promoting age-specific skill development in all of their programs.
- Communicate USA Hockey's player development opportunities to players, parents, and coaches.
- Deliver parent education programs to the local association.
- Facilitate RLS PDC meetings and work collaboratively with committee members.
- Reports to RLS Board of Directors.

PDC Committee members: PDC committee member's responsibilities:

- Actively participate in monthly PDC meeting.
- Evaluate practice sessions and provide feedback.
- Direct hockey operations.
- Head coach election process.
- Tryout evaluator selection process.
- Designate teams based on evaluations.
- Make recommendations for teams declarations.

PDC members should have an understanding of the game of hockey and the progression of skills needed for players at all levels to be successful in the game of hockey.

The following criteria are guidelines for PDC committee Membership

- Minimum of 2 years coaching experience – may be in the association or from another organization
- Minimum of 2 years of Association membership
- Strong leadership skills
- Strong communication skills

Applying to the PDC Committee:

RLS members that are interested in serving on the Player Development Committee are encouraged to fill out the application that is located on the RLS website in the PDC tab. Applications are solicited via e-mail to all members in January by the RLS Board. Applications need to be filled out and turned into RLS Board President or the ACE Coordinator by March 15th. Applications are reviewed by the Player Development Committee in March and their recommendations will be made to the Board for approval and new members that have been selected will receive notification from the ACE Coordinator. Once accepted, new members will begin their terms in April.

RLS Player Development Committee Application

Name of Applicant _____

School District _____

Years of membership in RLS: _____

Level of Players in your Family: _____

Current level of USA Coaching Certification: _____

Please answer the following questions: (Applicant may add additional information on a separate sheet if necessary)

1. Please list/describe your experience(s) in coaching. Include all levels.

2. Please describe what you think the role of the Player Development Committee should have in the Association?

3. Please discuss your philosophy of developing hockey players from mites on up to bantams.

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