

Bio for Jae Worthen

Hello everyone my name is Jae Worthen and I would like to represent the adult section for the upcoming election of the UAHA State Board.!

The focus of our leadership groups have strayed so far from the path we have forgotten why we are here, I believe we need to stop focusing all of our interest on travel hockey and get back to the basics of growing the game.!

I have long used the analogy of the hockey pyramid being turned upside down and we have lost our way. We have to grow the base or our membership (both youth and adult) if we are going to excel as a state and continue to grow hockey in Utah. I believe the most important hockey programs are our entry level programs that introduce new adults into the game and grow the sport. Intro programs and learn to play hockey programs at the youth level are key and greater efforts need to be put into Try Hockey for Free programs and ideas.!

I am a man of my word and I don't just pay lip service to growing hockey at the recreation level here in Utah.!

I am one of the co-founders of the Adult Rookie League along with the help of Jared Youngman and the Utah Grizzlies.!

We started off with a humble little league of 4 teams that has now blossomed into 13 teams (over 208 players) and growing strong each season, we hope to surpass this number in the upcoming fall/winter season.!

I have also been able to reform the old Utah Winter Games with a bit of a twist and also introduce a sister program called the Spring Games. Its been a huge success for our recreation hockey players brining our small hockey community closer and making new friends through the games.

I believe we are just getting started as far as growth is concerned and I have other ideas I would like to try on the state level to grow hockey in Utah.