

CDAHA Student Coaching Expectations and Requirements

In addition to the USA Hockey Requirements and Recommendations shown below, any student coach that wishes to be involved with coaching at any level within the CDAHA organization will be held to the highest standard.

All applicants must:

1. Fill out the USA Hockey Student Application Form
2. Be currently registered on a youth level team with USA Hockey Registration Current
3. Be under the age of 18 (SafeSport required if 17 or turning 17 during the season)
4. Complete the short answer questionnaire on why you would like to student coach

All the above application materials will be submitted to the Head Coach of the team/age group they hope to help with. The coaches will identify their needs on the ice (if there are needs) and decide who can help coach as well as how many student coaches.

***The coaches have to right to deny student coaches at anytime and are the ultimate decision maker on what is best for their team.**

CDAHA will not tolerate profanity or inappropriate discussions by student coaches with younger players. The expectation if selected is to aid in drill demonstration, correct kids' form when doing drills to better develop their fundamentals in hockey, discuss practice plans with the coaching staff, and be a role model for the younger players.

Student coaches that receive penalties resulting in missing games due to misconduct need to communicate that with the coaches and are not allowed on the ice until they are cleared for playing games.

What student coaching is not:

- **Extra ice time for the student coach**
- **An opportunity to hang out on the ice with other student coaches**
- **An opportunity to shoot pucks creating extra noise on the ice**

Anything that is deemed unhelpful by the coaching staff will negatively affect the continuation of the student coach participation. Bottom line is be helpful and be there for the kids. The time you may spend on the ice belongs to the kids, they have paid for it. If the motivation for your interest in being a student coach is for anything other than what is listed, please reconsider.

Sincerely,
CDAHA Coaching Staff

Student Coach Regulations

A player between the ages of 13 and 17 who is currently properly registered with USA Hockey may serve as a student coach under the following conditions:

Student Coach Model Form

Student Coach Presentation

- Must attend a training session conducted by the local hockey association. (*this will be accomplished 1:1 with the head coach of the team being coached*)
- Student coaches are not eligible to attend a CEP certification clinic for certification. They may audit a clinic but they do not receive certification credit, nor are they required to pay for the clinic. He/she will need to contact the instructor directly as he/she will not be able to register online due to the age restriction in place. (*Highly encouraged*)
- Does NOT need a background check until the age of 18. Does NEED SafeSport if 17 or turning 17 during the season.
- 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 participate as a player in scrimmages or games when acting as a STUDENT COACH).
- May not act as the head coach or an assistant coach during practices or games.
- May be on the bench during games with an adult. The STUDENT COACH will count as one of the maximum of four Team Officials allowed on the bench.
- Must wear a helmet with full face shield, gloves, and skates while on the ice. Must wear helmet during games while on the bench.
- May only work with players at least one full playing age level down (e.g., a 14U age player may act as a STUDENT COACH at the 12U, 10U or 8U level).
- 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. A model form can be found by clicking on the link above This form stays with the association.
- Upon reaching the age of 18, the STUDENT COACH must comply with the USA Hockey Screening Program and meet the USA Hockey Coaching Education Program requirements which will qualify him/her to act as an assistant or head coach.

Intent to Coach Questionnaire

Name: _____

1. Why do you want to participate as a student coach? _____

2. Did you have student coaches as you worked your way through younger levels of hockey? Y/N
3. If yes, how was your experience? _____

4. If yes on number 2, was there anything you really liked about that student coach or anything you really didn't like about that student coach? _____

5. What areas do you feel you can contribute the most when it comes to coaching hockey?

6. What characteristics do you think make up the best coach? _____

7. Comments on anything you would like the coaches to know about you (background, availability, siblings, etc)

