

CGHA CANDIDATE APPLICATION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POSITION: Peewee Director

TERM COMMITMENT FOR THIS POSITION:

2-year term commitment

(May 2026 through April 2028 General Membership Meeting)

NAME: Chris Westphall

What hockey experience do you possess that would be considered beneficial for this role?

I played hockey through high school and have remained actively involved in the sport through my son, who has progressed through the entire youth program and my other 2 children that are still in the youth program. This has given me both a player's and a parent's perspective on development within the association.

What other experience, accomplishments, or skill sets do you possess that would be considered beneficial for this role?

I have coached at multiple levels throughout the youth program, from B2 through A (Mites - Peewees). This experience has allowed me to understand player development at each stage and the importance of consistency, communication, and support.

I am a strong problem solver and work quickly to address challenges. When I don't have the answer, I take initiative to collaborate with others and find the right resources to ensure issues are resolved effectively.

Why have you decided to apply for this position?

I have served in this role for the past four years and have truly valued the experience. I am committed to the growth and success of our players, and I take pride in building relationships and supporting them throughout the season. I genuinely enjoy being part of their development—both on and off the ice—and remain dedicated to continuing that work.

If you had to list your priorities in order, please list 1–3 and explain why you feel these are priorities within

CGHA:

1. Culture

A strong, positive culture is the foundation of any successful program. I want players and families to feel proud to be part of Cottage Grove Hockey—proud of their team, their community, and the values we represent. Developing not only strong athletes but also strong individuals is a key priority.

2. Coaches

Supporting our coaches is essential. Ensuring they have the tools, resources, and guidance needed to lead successful seasons is critical. I am committed to being available, providing support during challenges, and helping create an environment where coaches can thrive.

3. Tryouts

A fair and transparent tryout process is extremely important. It is essential that players are placed at the appropriate level for their development. I am committed to maintaining integrity in the process and communicating clearly with families. While these conversations can be difficult, they are necessary, and I approach them with honesty, respect, and care.

Do you know where to find the Hockey Handbook and have you taken time to become familiar with the job duties as outlined for the Registrar/Secretary position?

Yes

There are many volunteer hours required of Board members to ensure the program is operating successfully. Are you prepared to volunteer the time required for the duration of this commitment?

Yes

Please provide any additional comments for members' consideration of your candidacy:

I am fully committed to continuing to serve this association with integrity, consistency, and a team-first mindset. I take this responsibility seriously and am dedicated to supporting our players, families, and coaches while helping strengthen the overall program for years to come.