



To: Minnesota Hockey Board of Directors

**From: Christian Koelling
Coach-In-Chief, Minnesota District**

Re: Winter Report - 2014

District 12 Head Coach – Grant Clifton

This fall Grant Clifton was appointed as the new District 12 Head Coach. Grant grew up playing hockey in Grand Rapids and was standout player for the Thunderhawks (Indians). After high school, Grant played two years in the USHL, followed by four years at St. Cloud State University. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Biology, Grant played professionally in the East Coast and Central leagues.

Grant has lent his skill and knowledge to coaching and player development on the Iron Range since 2003. This winter will be Grant's first season behind the Grand Rapids High School bench as an assistant coach. Previously Grant was the assistant varsity coach for five seasons at Hibbing HS, and he has had multiple assignments within Minnesota Hockey's High Performance programs.

Professionally Grant works as a orthopedic sales representative for a medical device company covering Duluth and the Iron Range. His responsibilities include daily communication with orthopedic surgeons pertaining to operating room procedures and newly available technologies, coordination of operating room set-up, and assisting doctors during surgeries.

I am thrilled that we have been able to add such an accomplished individual to our organization. Grant is a great addition to our team, and he will be a excellent resource for District 12 and the entire state!

CEP Clinics

We hosted 78 clinics this season and in the process certified about 3,700 coaches. The clinic breakdown is as follows:

Level	#/Clinics	#/Coaches
Level 1	26	1,469
Level 2	23	786
Level 3	21	825
Level 4	3	316
High Performance	5	300

2013 Level 4 Clinics

This year we hosted three Level 4 clinics. We had a spring clinic in St. Cloud, fall clinic in Duluth, and at the end of December in Bloomington. We had about 100 coaches for each clinic, and a great line up of presenters including: Dick Emahiser, Ken Martel, Mike Gibbons, Hans Skulstad, Wes Bolin, Mike Taylor, Mike Sertich, Mike MacMillan, Ty Newberry, Scott Bell, Bronwynn Pichetti, Steve Carroll and Guy Gosselin.

Temporary Cards

The Temporary Card process has worked well, and Temp Cards are down this year. There have been less than 20 granted.

Last Chance Clinics

A series of "last chance" clinics were hosted in Bloomington on December 28-29. We hosted a Level 4 throughout the weekend, a Level 1 on Saturday, and a Level 2 and Level 3 on Sunday. Many of the coaches in attendance were very appreciative that these clinics were added prior to the certification deadline.

Module Change

The modules have remained opened this year after the 12/31 deadline. Coaches are not allowed to be on the ice and/or bench until their module is completed. The price for the modules after 12/31 was raised to \$50 from \$10.

Submitted by,
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