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2015-16 Coaching Education Program Student Coach Policy

Purpose:

1. To help train entry level coaches at an earlier age level (*Mentor Program*).
2. To allow the younger players who wish to do so an opportunity to participate on the ice and help the coaching staff demonstrate/teach skills.
3. To give actual on-ice experience to our younger players who aspire to become a coach in the future.
4. To allow these young players protection under the USA Hockey Insurance program.

Student Coach:

Definition: A player between the ages of 13 and 17 who is currently properly registered / rostered on an AHAI/USA Hockey team may serve as a Student Coach. Please refer to the AHAI Student Coach Policy PDF for ALL details regarding procedure to certify Student Coaches in Illinois!

Qualifications:

- * Must attend a training session conducted by the local association.
- * Must always be under the supervision of a properly certified and screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, tryouts and in the locker room.
- * May help out at practices, clinics and tryouts only. **(May not participate in scrimmages or games as a Student Coach).**
- * May not act as an assistant or head coach during practices or games.



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Qualifications (con.) :

- * May not be on the bench during games.
- * Must wear a helmet with full face shield, gloves and skates while on the ice.
- * May only work with players at least one (1) full playing age level down (e.g. a Pee Wee player may act as a Student Coach at the Squirt or Mite level).

The Student Coach candidate and their organization / team / parents must completely fill out the USAH Student Coach form (to obtain this form email pjakubowski@ahai2.org) and mail completed form to:

AHAI / STUDENT COACH – P.O. BOX 217 – BATAVIA, IL 60510

AHAI Registrar – 719 County Line Road, Hinsdale, IL 60521

Once the Student Coach candidate has completed his / her AHAI/USAH recommended Student Coach Clinic conducted by the Club/Organizations' Hockey Director, the following procedure MUST also be completed in a timely fashion:

- The organization which is using the Student Coach must provide a copy of the USAH Student Coach Form indicating on what team he / she is participating as a Student Coach, and what team he / she is properly registered / rostered as a player. This form must be submitted to the AHAI Registrar before participating as a Student Coach. This form must be submitted annually and whenever there is a change of either team.
 - Only NEW candidates for Student Coach are required to attend a Student Coach Workshop. Any Student Coach that has already attended an AHAI Conducted Student Coach Clinic or Level 1 Clinic as a Student Coach in the past does NOT need to attend again.
 - However, every Student Coach MUST submit the USAH Student Coach Form to the AHAI Registrar as indicated above and also copy mailed to the AHAI / Student Coach – P.O. Box 217 – Batavia, IL 60510
- * Upon reaching the age of 18, the Student Coach must comply with the AHAI Screening Program and attend the USA Hockey Level 1 Coaching Clinic, which will qualify him/her to act as a assistant or head coach.



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