

Jen Christianson

My name is Jen Christianson. My son Ryan Dodson is a second year Squirt and my husband is in his first year of coaching. I grew up in Trumansburg and moved to Ithaca in 2004. I have served on different boards, including the Ithaca Lacrosse Club board.

I am running for the board to be the IYHA Snowbelt Representative. My son started hockey late, and I love that the Snowbelt league gives kids of every skill level the opportunity to have equal playing time.

Fay Cokeley

Hello fellow hockey families! Thank you in advance for considering my placement on the IYHA board.

I grew up in Tompkins County, attended IHS, and then lived in NYC & California for 17 years. I returned to Ithaca in 2011, so that my son, Jack, could grow up around family and in a tight knit community.

Jack joined the IYHA Initial program in 2013, at 7 years old. He has loved playing hockey and cultivating friendships with his IYHA crew over the past six years, and I cherish the friendships that I've made along the way. Now, as a rising Bantam family, we live and breathe hockey.

I'm a realtor with Warren Real Estate, serving buyers and sellers in the Ithaca area. My work as a realtor includes skills which lend well to serving on the board: high ethical standards, confidentiality, due diligence, clear communication, negotiations, and sometimes conflict resolution. I serve on committees for the Ithaca Board of Realtors, the Ithaca Babe Ruth League, and I volunteer with the Cancer Resource Center as a peer mentor.

When not working, volunteering, and being a hockey & baseball Mom, I also love to make pottery, hike, travel, and spend time with family and friends.

I've been committed to IYHA for the past six years, and have seen my fair share of hockey wins and challenges. If given the opportunity to serve on the IYHA board, I will work hard to provide a happy and healthy environment for our kids to enjoy their love of hockey.

Thank you, Fay

Treva Levine

I appreciate your willingness to consider me for a second term as a Board Member for the Ithaca Youth Hockey Association. I am currently on the IYHA Board Member and my main responsibility is to schedule all of the ice for the practices and games for the teams during the season. I have been a hockey team manager for both of my kid's teams as manager or tournament manager since they were Mites. I have worked in administration at Cornell since 2000. I have volunteered my time in the PTA at Caroline Elementary and as a board member of the Ellis Hollow Community Center. I have experience in organization, fundraising, marketing, and developing sustainable processes in organizations.

The Ithaca Youth Hockey Association has provided an excellent opportunity for my two children to learn and love hockey. Both of my kids started in the Initiation program with IYHA at 4 years old. My son has a 2008 birth year and played on the Squirt Travel team this past season. My daughter has a 2009 birth year and played on the Squirt Blue 1 team this past season. My husband was an assistant coach on both teams. My kids have had excellent volunteer coaches and have formed bonds with the players on their team and in this hockey community. Our family is invested in the continued success of IYHA as a hockey organization that offers the opportunity for all youth players to play and develop their skills in a positive environment. My family is looking forward to many more years with IYHA as our children grow in this hockey community. I am interested in volunteering my time, skills, and energy to IYHA. Thank you for your consideration.

Sonja Watkins Kelly

As a lifelong hockey fan and parent of a child who has played with the IYHA since initiation; I am interested in becoming a part of the IYHA Board.

Mason's experience, to include this year's amazing squirt team with Ron Dodson, has been wonderful. The friendships our family made from our hockey community is an added bonus to the hockey itself. It is my hope to take on a role with the board that can assist to ensure the same for all IYHA players and families.

Currently, I am a board member of the Cayuga Heights School Age Program. I am also a past member/President of the Cornell Hockey Association, and I work with many different volunteer boards on a daily basis.

Thank you for your consideration for an opportunity to serve a term on the Ithaca Youth Hockey Association Board.

Tom Winch

I would like to be considered to fulfill an open seat for the Ithaca Youth Hockey Association.

Our family has been associated with IYHA since 2013 when our oldest son participated in Initiation and has since completed his sixth season and first year of Squirts. Our youngest son has just completed his second year of Initiation and will be starting Mites next year. The opportunity IYHA has offered to our kids to learn the fundamentals and knowledge of hockey has been tremendous. The association with the coaches and getting to know the other kids participating has led to great experiences for the boys as well as my wife Heather and I. Although not on the ice coaching, I continue to do whatever I can to support the coaches off ice allowing them to spend as much time as possible on the ice. During the past six years I have observed not only our kids growth, but also our association growth in numbers of participants. My objective will be to support growth for all involved stemming from the kids, families, coaches and the organization itself.

I feel with my many years of professional experience managing strategic accounts will bring positive elements to the organization. Negotiating, communicating, organizing, and operating with honesty and integrity are the fundamentals of every day. These are the qualities which I will bring to the organization and IYHA Community.

I look forward to the potential opportunity of joining the team on the board, and serving the IYHA community. Thank you for your consideration.

Tom Winch
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