

To everyone who is willing to take time out of what I know is a very busy hockey family life. My name is Adam Dombek and I am seeking a position on the CIHA Board.

To tell you a little about myself, I am a very proud parent of 4 hockey players that will be playing at the peewee, squirt, and mite levels this fall. By night (most of the time) I am a locomotive engineer for the BNSF Railway. Due to this career choice I have been unable up to this point to commit to coaching in our association but I am feeling the need to get involved and I believe I can truly help by serving on the board.

I must admit that I like the progress our association is making to help improve our youth program, such as the use of the outdoor rinks and bringing in dry land resources that I didn't think we would ever see here in our community. I would however like to see our children be encouraged to utilize these resources by possibly having designated practice plans and a more specific dry land workout routine that really pushes the kids to not only test their skills but increase creativity in their stick handling and shooting.

Personally my biggest concern as a parent in our association is our new registration numbers and the ability to retain players compared to our surrounding communities. I think the steps our association has taken to keep cost low is movement in the right direction. That being said our numbers need to increase at the mite level either through a more diligent recruiting process or being more present in schools and the community. As far as older levels go where new registration is probably out of the picture we need to be a little more creative. I think looking into possible co-ops at the levels where our numbers are sub par would be a huge help in allowing our children to grow and compete at the highest possible levels.

These are just a couple issues that I look forward to trying to help overcome if chosen to represent the best interests of all of our children.

Thanks for voting,

Adam Dombek