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USA Hockey continues to partner with the AWHCA to provide professional development opportunities at the USA Hockey Girls' Player Development Camps. The Intern Coach Program will take place during the girls national player development camps in St. Cloud, MN and will provide a professional development opportunity for coaches at different stages of their career who wish to gain experience in age appropriate training, practice planning, developing a coaching philosophy, building a team culture, and leadership. Selected coaches will also have the opportunity to work with top coaches from different levels of girls/women's hockey, including USA Hockey's Under-18 Coaching Staff, Women's National Team Staff, and USA Hockey's American Development Model Managers.

The intern program at the Girls 15 Camp is designed for entry-level coaches while the intern programs at the Girls 16/17 Camp are geared toward those who have intermediate or more extensive coaching experience and are seeking development opportunities.

### **Intern Coach Position: Essential Functions and Primary Responsibilities**

- Support her/his Head Coach with all team related items throughout the week.
- Attend off-ice meetings and breakout sessions with members of the player development camp staff led by the Intern Coach Program Mentor and USA Hockey's National Office Staff.
- Attend all assigned team practices and games.
- Attend off-ice lectures and activities throughout the camp.

### **Eligibility/Qualifications:**

- Applicants who are currently coaching:
  - Must have one season of coaching experience (assistant or head coach position at 14U, high school or older level preferred).
  - Experience coaching female athletes preferred.
- Applicants who are active college players:
  - Current college players are eligible. All active college players must have the endorsement of their current college coach.
  - Some coaching experience is required for current college players to be considered, this can include summer camps, clinics, etc. Current college players without coaching experience are encouraged to apply for a team leader position
- US Citizenship is preferred.
- All applicants should have:
  - Willingness to be a team player. These camps require all staff to work collaboratively. Being willing to assist with tasks as needed is expected.
  - Self-Motivation. USA Hockey will provide many resources and opportunities during this internship. Applicants must be motivated to utilize these resources.
  - Coachability: participants will be exposed to a range of coaching styles and perspectives. Absorbing all input, advice, and philosophies with an open mind is imperative to a successful experience for all participants.
  - Desire to pursue a career in coaching or gain relevant experience (for those already coaching).



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### **Intern Coach Arrival and Departure Dates:**

**June 24 - July 1, 2020 (Girls 16/17 Player Development Camp)** The intern program at the 16/17 camp is designed for more experienced coaches looking to gain experience and development opportunities.

**July 10-17, 2020 (Girls 15 Player Development Camp)** As part of the intern coach program at this camp, intern coaches will participate in a coaching education seminar on the evening of July 10 and morning of July 11 prior to the official start of camp. *Note: The intern program at this camp is recommended for coaches attending national camp for the first time.*

**Location:** St. Cloud State University (St. Cloud, MN)

**Compensation:** The intern coach position is a non-paid professional development opportunity and selected individuals are responsible for their transportation costs to and from the camp. However, housing, meals, apparel, and camp curriculum are provided by USA Hockey. Transportation from the airport to camp will be provided by USA Hockey so long as intern coaches arrive within the designated timeframe determined by USA Hockey. Those selected to participate as intern coaches are encouraged to contact their current program, affiliate, or district to determine if there are available funds to help cover their transportation costs. Coaches involved in college or high school programs are encouraged to contact their program administrators to determine if financial support is available for professional development.

**CEP Certification:** Participating intern coaches will be eligible to receive their next CEP level up to Level 4. Participants who do not have any CEP Certification will receive their Level 1 certification following their participation at the 2018 Girls Player Development Camps and upon registering with USA Hockey for the 2020-21 season. Those who participate as intern coaches will still be required to complete their online age-specific modules for the 2020-21 season.

**Application Process:** Interested candidates should complete the following application via this link: <https://form.jotform.com/200455790786161>.

**The application deadline is March 2, 2020. Applicants will be notified by March 18.**

If you have questions about the intern program, contact Kristen Wright at [kristenw@usahockey.org](mailto:kristenw@usahockey.org).