



2021-22 Application for Board of Director Member

There are openings for the 2-year term that begins following the April 19, 2021 annual member meeting.

We are looking for volunteers who are committed to KOHA and to the responsibilities of serving on the Board of Directors. Each Board member has the responsibility to attend the monthly board meeting and to assume an active role in the program. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact members of the Board and Staff for additional information.

Please return this Application to the KOHA Office, US Mail or Email **NO later than March 12, 2021:**

Mark Baliff, KOHA Board Secretary
Kalamazoo Optimist Hockey Association
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Applicant Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email address: _____

Ages of children currently in the program and the division they play in:

Experience in this or other hockey or youth programs:

KOHA board member selection criteria includes the following:

- Hockey connection as parent, coach, former player, etc.
- Hockey background, knowledge and expertise
- Professional area of expertise, e.g. finance, sales, etc.
- Dedication to the KOHA organization and its Mission, Vision and Values
- Shared philosophy of long-term athlete development principles
- Absence of any conflicts of interest
- Availability and willingness to devote time for KOHA

Please describe below how you meet the criteria. You may attach or forward professional information, or explain how your background and interest may serve the needs of our program. For example, a sales professional may indicate a background in sales and marketing will assist KOHA with program promotions and marketing efforts.

Our Mission:

To provide every boy and girl in southwest Michigan the opportunity to enjoy and excel at the game of hockey.

Our Vision:

KOHA will be a regional hockey destination and a national leader for youth hockey.

Our Values:

Kalamazoo Optimist Hockey Association believes:

- Playing hockey should be a positive experience for all participants; therefore, we will promote a safe, respectful and sportsmanlike environment.
- Participants will develop dignity and self-esteem; therefore, we will promote a positive culture from parents, coaches and staff.
- Skill development is a primary driver for players to enjoy the game and achieve their personal goals; therefore, we will embrace our roles as teachers and foster a culture of age-specific skill training for long-term athletic development.
- Hockey serves as an effective vehicle to develop character; therefore, we will instill the values of integrity, hard work, determination, teamwork and the pursuit of excellence in all activities.
- We serve as a catalyst for promoting the game at all levels within southwest Michigan; therefore, we will collaborate with local, regional and national organizations to grow the game.
- In fostering a successful learning environment; therefore, we will educate players and coaches while partnering with parents.

Please refer to the KOHA website www.koha.com for a description of the role and expectation for the board of directors, additional requirements, and the selection process. A schedule of board of meetings and list of contact information for the current board of directors and staff is also on the website. Applicants are encouraged to attend upcoming meetings, all board meeting are open to KOHA members (a current player’s parent or guardian), and visitors upon request.