

Board of Directors Application

6 members will be elected to the 2026 Board of Directors this year. **Board members are elected by the families of SRIYHA and are appointed to a 3-year term.**

This form is to be used by those members who are eligible and wish to be considered for election to an SRIYHA board position. Please fill in all the information you wish to provide to the general membership. This application will be posted on the SRIYHA website for viewing before voting opens.

Name *

First and last name

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Personal Background *

I grew up in Lincoln, RI with two older brothers and we all played hockey — house, travel, tournaments in Placid and Canada. It was a true hockey upbringing. My dad was heavily involved on the board of our youth program, and I didn't fully appreciate how much work he did until I became a parent myself. Now I see how important that behind-the-scenes effort is — and I'd love to give back in the same way.

My wife, Cait, and I live in North Kingstown with our three kids — Max (12), Maggie (9), and Maren (4). Max plays in the 12U program and Maren is in Learn to Skate. I currently coach the U12B team and run Learn to Skate for our youngest group.

Hockey / Youth Sports Philosophy *

My biggest belief is simple: at the end of the season, every kid should be better at hockey and love the game even more than when the season started.

Every shift is an opportunity to improve. That's what makes hockey so special. You go all out for a minute, come to the bench, reset, and get another shot. What happened last shift doesn't matter. Even if we're down by 8 goals, the next shift is a chance to improve.

Attitude matters more than the scoreboard.

That said — getting better requires work. Practices should be hard. We should practice the way we play. Every drill should be at game speed. In a game, most kids might get 6–10 minutes of ice time. In practice, they get 50 minutes. That's where real development happens. Practice is just as important — if not more important — than games. If we approach practice with intensity and purpose, that's where the biggest improvements happen and where confidence is built.

I want our players to become great — and being great isn't just about scoring goals. It's about being a good person, a great teammate, and someone who represents the sport with pride. Effort, sportsmanship, and character matter just as much as skill.

SRI is already a great organization. The tournaments, scrimmages, fun events, goalie support — there's a lot that happens behind the scenes to make this a strong program. Having a great community around our players matters just as much as what happens on the ice. We have that here, and I'd love to contribute to keeping it strong and continuing to build on it.

Hockey is the greatest sport and one of the best communities I've ever been part of. It's a privilege for our kids — and for us as parents — to be part of it.

Credentials *

Coaching hockey for 5+ years (Learn to Skate through U12)

Current Assistant coach for U12B

Ran Learn to Skate (youngest age group) the past 2 years

Lifelong hockey player and community member

Coached Little League & softball for 8 years (T-ball through Majors)

Involved in board activities for NK Little League

Business owner — experienced in leadership and organizational decision-making

Other Relevant Information

Signature (by typing your name, you give SRIYHA permission to publish this information to our membership) *

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