

Volunteer Role Description Girls Director, Hockey Operations Committee

Purpose

Champion the growth, development, and day-to-day excellence of BYHA's girls program, ensuring every female athlete has a positive, competitive, and fun hockey experience.

Key Responsibilities

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Program Growth & Vision

- Set annual participation goals and initiatives to attract and retain girls at all age levels and
- Work with the board's retention and recruitment coordinator to promote the program through local schools, community events, and social media in partnership with the Marketing/Communications team.

Coaching Selection & Support

- Recruit, interview, and recommend head and assistant coaches for all girls teams.
- Work with player development to provide coaches with resources, mentorship, and season-long check-ins.
- Facilitate coaching clinics and encourage continued certification.

Team Leveling, Rostering & Tryouts

- Partner with BYHA Tryout Coordinators and the HOC VP/Hockey Director to coordinate the tryout schedule, evaluation criteria, and on-ice process.
- Oversee evaluations to ensure fair, transparent placements into the correct skill-based tiers.
- Work with tryout coordinators to communicate results and next steps promptly to families.

Pre-Season Clinics

- Plan and help run pre-season skill clinics (ice time scheduling, curriculum, staffing).
- Gather feedback to improve future sessions.

Tournament Planning

- Collaborate with the Tournament Coordinator to identify, vet, and register teams for events matching competitive level and budget.
- Communicate schedules, travel details, and expectations to families.

Parent & Player Communication

- Serve as the primary point of contact for program-wide updates, conflict resolution, and feedback.
- Hold seasonal parent meetings and send regular progress newsletters.

Program Leadership & Administration

- Present program status and needs at monthly HOC meetings
- Track budgets (clinics, girls hockey day, tournaments) and submit requests.
- Uphold BYHA policies and safety standards.

Ideal Qualifications

- Passion for advancing girls' hockey and youth development.
- Prior coaching, team management, or hockey operations experience.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to juggle multiple teams and timelines.
- Excellent communicator—comfortable speaking to groups and writing clear updates.
- Collaborative mindset; works seamlessly with volunteers, board members, and parents.

Time Commitment

- **Peak season (Aug–Mar):** ~6–8 hrs/week (clinics, tryouts, games/tourneys, meetings).
- Off-season (Apr-Jul): ~2 hrs/week (planning, outreach, coach recruitment).
- Two-year term recommended to provide continuity.

Reporting & Collaboration

- Reports to: BYHA Hockey Operations Committee (HOC) VP / Hockey Director
- Works closely with: Girls team coaches, Tryout Coordinators, Tournament Coordinator, Registrar, Treasurer, Ice Scheduler, and Communications Lead.

Why Volunteer?

You'll play a pivotal role in empowering young female athletes, shaping a supportive hockey culture, and driving the long-term success of BYHA's girls program. Plus, it's a fantastic way to give back to the sport and community you love!

Interested? Email byhaopenings@buffalohockey.net with the following:

Your hockey resume – coaching certifications, playing experience, leadership roles, and any relevant administrative work.

A brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) explaining why you believe you're the ideal candidate to lead and grow BYHA's girls program.