



MICHIGAN DISTRICT - COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM 2020-2021 MID - SEASON REPORT



Coaching Clinics Offered:

This is my 25th year in the Coaching Education Program, and by far, the most unique and unusual. After years of preparing new clinic content, and after USA Hockey adopted revised Coaching Education progressions last summer, we spent the entire 2020 spring and summer dealing with issues of the Covid-19 Pandemic and its impact on youth hockey and coaching.

The Coaching Education Program managed to pivot to a virtual curriculum, organized by our Curriculum Committee, which included (and was largely led by) our ADM Regional Manager, Bob Mancini. We were fortunate to have adopted Zoom in 2017, so many of us were used to it, and had USA Hockey Zoom Accounts. By early July we had organized materials suitable for presenting on Zoom, had created scripts for virtual clinics, had defined new roles of "Clinic Producer" to manage the technical environment, and in early July launched the new virtual clinics. We also decided, based on several compelling reasons, to offer unlimited access to the Temporary Card for this season only. As you will see below, this was a popular decision.

Finally, USA Hockey's Youth Council, in December, authorized an extension of the Coach Education Due Date to January 31, 2021. We will offer at least two virtual clinics in January to assist coaches in meeting their obligation.

Here are the official nationwide participation numbers from USA Hockey as of December 28, 2020:

Temporary Cards – 12,462

Clinic Registrations – 14,846

Completed (Level 1-4) – 14,062 coaches

Registered (Level 1-4) – 293 coaches

Bronze Completed – 479 coaches

Virtual Clinics Held – 362

349 Level 1-4 Clinics (342 Completed – 14,062 Coaches/7 Posted – 293 Coaches)

11 Bronze Goaltending Clinics (11 Completed – 479 Coaches)

1 High Performance Clinic for coaches that are coaching blind athletes (Completed)

1 High Performance Clinic for coaches that are coaching disabled hockey (Completed)

<u>Level 1 – 6,636 Coaches</u> 80 Clinics Completed/3,270 Coaches 6 Clinics Posted/233 Coaches Registered Temp Cards – 3,133	<u>Level 2 – 7,282 Coaches</u> 83 Clinics Completed/3,453 Coaches 1 Clinics Posted/60 Coaches Registered Temp Cards – 3,769
<u>Level 3 – 5,185 Coaches</u> 78 Clinics Completed/2,735 Coaches 0 Clinics Posted/0 Coaches Registered Temp Cards – 2,450	<u>Level 4 – 7,714 Coaches</u> 98 Clinics Completed/4,604 Coaches 0 Clinics Posted/0 Coaches Registered Temp Cards – 3,110

Bronze Goal Clinics– 11 Clinics Completed/479 Coaches

Level 3 Recertification – Track 1-1,327 /Track 2-1,576

MICHIGAN COACHING PROGRAM CLINIC SUMMARY – does not include January, 2021 clinics

Level	Number of Clinics	Attendees
1	5	200
2	4	119
3	2	96
4	5	257

LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING/SUMMER 2021

- First, a “Thank YOU” to the CEP Coordinators located throughout Michigan, and to our clinic speakers, for their efforts. The Coaching Education Program would not be possible without their dedication and skill.
- The Coaching Education Program nationally will be considering how we can take the positives from our virtual clinics held this year and incorporate them into our future programs. This may involve a hybrid clinic model where there are some online aspects and some in-person aspects of coach education in the future. Our customers (coaches) will have input into this process through surveys we are conducting at the close of each clinic. I welcome any input on this subject as we move into spring and summer planning discussions.
- We are hoping that USA Hockey and the IIHF can pull off the U18 World Championship in April, at USA Hockey arena. We may be able to host a coaching event there, if health regulations permit.
- We are very hopeful that USA Hockey’s Level 5 (National Coaching Symposium) will happen in Duluth, MN in August, 2021. More information on this is in the Coaches sections of usahockey.com and maha.org
- More new curriculum will be launched in Fall, 2021. I will cover this at the Summer Meeting.

Thanks to everyone who was supportive and understanding as we dealt with a very, very difficult season!

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