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Number of years your family has been involved in FYHA:	4
Which board position are you seeking?	At Large Director
Why are you interested in this role specifically?	I'm interested in this role because this sport has had a tremendous impact on my life. Hockey helps learn how to be disciplined. It creates teamwork opportunities and helps build confidence and learn how to deal with failure. I'm motivated by a chance to ensure long term success for this organization. I will try my best to make sure our program provides a positive and well organized environment to develop our hockey players skills and more importantly character.
List children or dependents currently in FYHA and their level of play for the upcoming season:	Brody Fischer (Goalie) - First Year Bantam
Describe your prior involvement with FYHA (board service, coaching, volunteering, committee work, events, etc.). Please include approximate commitment and responsibilities.	I have been involved with FYHA as an assistant coach, supporting the head coach with practices, game management, and player development throughout the season. My responsibilities included helping plan and run drills, working directly with players to develop their skills, reinforcing team systems, and promoting good sportsmanship and teamwork.
Describe any leadership, volunteer, or board experience outside of FYHA that is relevant to this role (professional, nonprofit, school, community, etc.).	In my professional carrier as a garbage truck driver at Republic Services I am one of the lead drivers/instructors. I am responsible for teaching and training any new employee. I work with our regional staff on safety procedures and new methods to ensure the safety of the employees. I am looked at to provide a leadership role to even seasoned veterans.
What skills, experience, or perspective do you bring that would strengthen the FYHA Board?	I think I would be a great asset to the FYHA Board. As a parent involved in the program, I have firsthand insight into the experiences of players and families and understand the importance of creating a positive, well-organized environment where kids can grow both athletically and personally. I've grown up playing hockey and it was an incredible part of building my character. I really would love to help our association continue to create opportunities for our players to grow and develop their skills.
Are there specific areas or committees you would be willing to support if elected?	If elected, I would be willing to support any committee where the board feels my time and skills would be most helpful. I'm especially interested in contributing to areas that strengthen the overall experience for players and families.

Board service sometimes requires supporting decisions that are unpopular but necessary. Describe a time when you had to make or support a difficult decision in the best interest of an organization, team, or group.

While working as a garbage truck driver, I once had to support a decision to stop servicing certain alleys during winter because icy conditions made them unsafe for our trucks. Many residents were unhappy because they had to move their carts to the street, and some coworkers were concerned about complaints and delays.

Even though it wasn't a popular change, I supported the decision because safety for drivers, equipment, and property had to come first. I took time to explain the situation to residents and help them understand the reason for the change.

How do you handle disagreements or conflicts when working with other adults who may strongly disagree with you?

perspective. In volunteer organizations especially, people often have strong opinions because they care deeply about the program and the players. Taking the time to hear their concerns helps build mutual respect and often reveals common goals.

Do you understand and commit to these expectations for the full term of service?

Yes

If no, please explain.

Do you acknowledge and accept these responsibilities?

Yes

If no, please explain.

Why are you seeking election to the FYHA Board, and what do you hope to contribute during your term?

I would love to be part of the FYHA Board because I care deeply about the experience the association provides for players and families. Through my involvement as an assistant coach, I've seen firsthand the positive impact the program can have on kids. This is not just in developing hockey skills, but also in building confidence, teamwork, and character. I would like to give back to the association by helping support and strengthen the program at the board level.

I'm interested in supporting initiatives that promote player development, strong communication within the association, and a culture of sportsmanship and respect.

Is there any additional information you believe is relevant to your candidacy for board service?

I understand that a successful association depends on collaboration between board members, coaches, volunteers, and families, and I value open communication and teamwork in achieving shared goals.

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