

Name: Darci Jansen

Position: Board Member at Large

Why I am interested in running:

I'm interested in becoming a board member, because OHC is extremely important to the overall growth and maturity of the young men and women we are all raising. We have twin boys, Adam (defense) and Ryan (offense), that will be first year Peewees this next season. We've had the pleasure of being members of the OHC community for 5 seasons (3 seasons of mites). Our family has enjoyed growing our hockey family each season. Both of our boys played for the Omaha Junior Lancers select squirt team the last two seasons. They showed as much commitment to their house team each season as they did their select team. We enjoyed teaching our boys how to be great teammates and mentors as second year squirts.

What experience or skills could you contribute to the organization?

I volunteered as the Squirt Coordinator last season, and I learned a lot. The season went extremely well. I met a ton of amazing coaches and families. If someone came to me with a problem, I would put myself in the position of the other person. Regardless of whether I agree with someone or not, it is always extremely important to show empathy. What is important to me isn't important to the next person. As a parent, I tell our boys that even I am not always right. It's important to make mistakes, own them, learn from them, and move forward. Our boys not only play hockey, but they also play select baseball, and tackle football. We understand how important organized sports are to young men and women's growth and maturity. Playing multiple sports as young athletes has taught our boys how to be coached by multiple coaches, helped them develop better social skills by expanding their social circles, and how to have fun off screens.

Any additional information you would like the members to know about you:

I'm an outside sales rep that has been with the same company for almost 22 years. I started my career with the company as a young hourly retail employee. I worked my way up to a position where I now manage my own time as a full-time salaried employee, wife, mother, and friend. I played multiple sports through high school and even played club sports in college. My husband and I met playing adult slow pitch softball. Our boys started to grow up watching us play a sport we loved until they themselves started playing more competitively. I would love the opportunity to be a board member with OHC.