

**Name:** Drew Peckenpaugh

**Position:** Board Member at Large

**Why I am interested in running:**

I have two players in the organization, and have a true passion for youth sports. I have been involved in the organization for over 6 years now, and served as the Mite / IP Director in 2024 and on the board in 2025.

**What experience or skills could you contribute to the organization?**

I have been a coach in the organization since 2021, having volunteered at the IP level, coached at both the house and travel level at Mites, and the house level at Squirts and Pee Wee's as well. I was the IP/Mite Director in 2024, and Board Member At-Large in 2025. With this experience, I see and understand issues from not only a boots on the ground level as a coach and parent, but also from the perspective of the board. As the IP / Mite Director, I truly feel like I left our program in better shape than when I took over. Our Mites now have team practices on a bi-weekly basis, which was not the case before. Getting our kids more ice time, especially a team practice, has greatly benefitted our younger kids. Lindsay Mortensen and I also laid the foundation last year for our 6u program, and she has taken that to a whole different level this year. This program helps us define a more clear development path for our kids working through IP and going into Mites and beyond. The feedback we have gotten on these changes has been overwhelmingly positive.

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

Having a player in both the travel program and the house program, I believe allows me a little bit of a unique perspective as well. I feel like having a kid in each program allows me to not have any biases when decisions need to be made. Any decision made with either the house or travel program directly affects one of my children, which puts me in the best position to be non biased towards either part of the organization, and truly help make the best decision for everyone. I have a true passion to ensure all kids have the best experience possible while they're in our organization.