

Name: Renata Miller

Board Position: Secretary

Why do you wish to become a CCHA Board Member?

I would like to be part of the board to bring a new perspective and fresh set of eyes on the overall functionality of the organization. To be closer and be more involved in influencing decisions and being able to support those decisions whether it is communicating to coaches, parents and other teams.

Please describe any previous involvement in CCHA (volunteer, manager, coach, leadership, etc)

No specific involvement, but have helped over the years with different functions. Specifically last year assisted the team manager in putting together items for the team, planning events etc. Also have been heavily involved with behaviors on the team to ensure that the boys conduct themselves that support the mission of CCHA.

Describe your hockey background experience.

I have two boys that are in hockey. Currently 1 son is a Mite 2, and the other one is a squirt. What I have loved to see over the years is their development, friendships and overall their personal emotional growth. I grew up watching my older brothers play in the Windy City of Chicago. Still go and watch especially my middle brother who plays for the Fire Department. Always a fun battle.

Describe other relevant experience in/contributions to other youth programs or community involvement.

Over the years I have been involved in Mentorship™s with the DOC performing circles (mentoring juveniles that are leaving the system and returning into the outside world), was a faith teacher, last 2 years serve on the advisory parent board for Dist 112, help plan and execute events for Vranicure.

What is your viewpoint regarding youth hockey? The CCHA Experience?

Youth hockey over the years has evolved tremendously. What I hope and I teach my kids continuously to be respectful and kind. We all know the aggression that hockey brings out, but we also know the love and togetherness it brings. It™s really important to teach these young kids early how to work together as team, being respectful, kind and be there for one another.

Over the years my experience with CCHA has been great. Last year in particular was an AMAZING. The coach, kids and families got along so well. When one kid struggled everyone around them would pick them up. Always there for each other. CCHA brings families together in good and hard times. This year has been a bit of challenge for our older son. The dynamic of the kids is challenging. What I am most proud of the kids on how they are sticking up for each other

when others are not treating them fairly, mocking, or bullying them.

I want to be part of the CCHA community where we can show the strong togetherness that we are. Would love to learn on how I can help to develop these kids into strong leaders, build confidence not in just their game but themselves.