

**Name:** Jed Uhlenkamp

**Board Position:** Vice President Hockey Operations

**Why do you wish to become a CCHA Board Member?**

Building on the insights gained during my first term, I am eager to continue serving our association and maintaining the positive momentum we have established. With several critical decisions on the horizon over the next two years, I am committed to leveraging my experience to help navigate these challenges effectively. My primary goal remains the same: to serve our youth and ensure that every day, we are providing our athletes with the highest quality environment to achieve their full potential.

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

As the current VP of Operations and a coach across multiple levels—from Mites to Peewees'. I understand the 'how' and 'why' of CCHA hockey. I've seen our association from both the executive suite and the bench, and I am committed to the hard work required to keep us moving forward. I love the opportunity to work with these athletes every day and want to ensure the 'key decisions' of the next two years are made with their best interests in mind. Let's keep building on our success and providing the best possible experience for every kid in the Stormhawk program..

**Describe your hockey background experience.**

My hockey background is rooted in a lifelong involvement in youth sports and an appreciation Hockey has been a central part of my life since I first stepped on the ice as a young player. After playing through high school, I transitioned that passion into coaching, spending the last eight years working with our association's athletes, as well as coaching AAA and development programs. Serving as your VP of Operations has allowed me to give back to the sport in a new way, and I feel we have tremendous momentum right now. I am seeking another term because I want to ensure the key decisions we face over the next two years are guided by someone who knows the rink, knows the game, and is 100% committed to the success of our kids

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

As your current VP of Operations and a lifelong hockey player, I bring a unique blend of administrative experience and on-ice expertise to the board. With eight years of coaching in our association and a background in AAA programs, I am dedicated to elite-level development and player success. My deep roots in the community as a local small business owner have always driven me to give back—whether by coaching hockey, baseball, and football, or by donating other resources to support our associations.

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

Youth hockey, particularly within a well-structured association like CCHA, serves as a vital tool for comprehensive player development, fostering key life skills such as discipline, teamwork, and dedication. Beyond physical fitness, the sport builds confidence and resilience, creating a supportive community that helps young athletes succeed on and off the ice. CCHA has and will continue to provide valuable training tools and development opportunities that most associations don't offer. This is an association that truly cares about its athletes, development, and providing the best opportunities for their members, and that is something I want to continue to be apart of.