

**Name:** Adam Ettestad

**Board Position:** Lower Level Mite Commissioner

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

Our family has been part of CCHA for the past three seasons, and we have enjoyed every minute of it. Our oldest son is moving on to Squirts next year, while our youngest has just begun his CCHA mite hockey journey. I am applying for the Lower Mite Commissioner position because I am passionate about our association and would love the opportunity to help foster and promote the strong culture we have developed.

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

I have been an assistant coach for the past three seasons (Mite 2, Lower Mite 3, and Mite 4). I love being out on the ice with our young players, and it has been an incredible opportunity to watch them develop over the years. I have also enjoyed meeting parents, siblings, and grandparents throughout the seasons, and I am always interested in hearing their feedback and ideas. We have a strong, highly engaged community, which is truly awesome!

**Describe your hockey background experience.**

I grew up in Eden Prairie and played goalie up through Bantams before our family moved to North Carolina. I dusted off the skates when it came time to teach our oldest how to skate and have been at the rink ever since.

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

CCHA has been the only youth program we are involved in. All other sports our children enjoy are individual activities (golf, running). By profession, I am a Project Manager at U.S. Bank and bring years of experience in planning, monitoring, budgeting, and execution.

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

Youth hockey is all about having fun and fostering a welcoming, supportive, and inclusive experience. Let kids be kids. Let them develop their love for the game and give them opportunities to learn and make friends along the way. Some of these players may not play hockey for more than a few years, but the friendships, passion, and skills they learn will hopefully last a lifetime and can carry over to other interests beyond hockey.