

Name: Matt Beckman

Board Position: Vice President Administration

Why do you wish to become a CCHA Board Member?

After two years serving as Commissioner, I've developed a strong, behind the scenes understanding of how CCHA operates and have been proud to contribute to meaningful progress at the Upper Mite level. I'm seeking another term, this time as Vice President of Administration, to build on that foundation and help strengthen the association as a whole, with a focus on delivering a positive, consistent experience for every athlete and family.

I bring a combination of proven CCHA leadership, a business school background, and more than 20 years of experience as an accounting professional. This perspective allows me to approach decisions thoughtfully and diligently, balancing big picture vision with attention to detail. As the association navigates growth and change, I'm committed to supporting transparent processes, inclusive decision making, and long term sustainability for CCHA.

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

I have served two years on the CCHA Board as Upper Mite Commissioner, where I worked closely with coaches, families, and fellow board members to support program growth, strengthen communication, and deliver a well organized, positive experience for our youngest players. This role gave me valuable insight into both the operational and people focused aspects of the association.

In addition, I bring several years of hands on coaching experience across both girls and boys programs at the Mite, 8U, and 10U levels. My coaching approach emphasizes player development, inclusion, and building a supportive team culture, ensuring that every player feels valued, supported, and proud to be part of CCHA.

Describe your hockey background experience.

My hockey background is rooted in a lifelong involvement in youth sports and an appreciation for the role they play in building confidence, teamwork, and community. Those early experiences shaped my belief in the importance of inclusive, well run programs that support both development and enjoyment.

I was introduced to hockey as a parent of a youth player, and that entry point quickly connected me to both the sport and the community around it. While my path into hockey did not begin as a player, it has grown into a deep commitment shared by my entire family. Today, I give back through hands on coaching across multiple teams and levels within our association, as well as with an outside AAA program.

My focus is on creating positive, development driven experiences that prioritize growth, inclusion, and a strong team environment, ensuring every player feels supported and excited to be part of the game.

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

In addition to my involvement with CCHA, I have been deeply engaged with C3 Lacrosse as a coach across both boys and girls programs. Much of my focus there has mirrored what I have seen and experienced within CCHA: identifying opportunities to expand development focused offerings and provide players with additional ways to grow and stay engaged. This has included supporting the formation of 10U boys teams in both a Spring Box league and a Fall Development league, both designed to offer complementary experiences beyond the traditional season. I have also coached with the Carver Youth Baseball and Softball Association. Across all of these roles, my focus has been on supporting athletes and contributing to sustainable, well run programs that serve players and families over the long term.

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

While everyone enjoys seeing the scoreboard in their favor, youth hockey is ultimately about much more than wins and losses. At its best, it builds strong foundations for physical and mental health while teaching life skills such as teamwork, resilience, and accountability that carry well beyond the rink.

Because of its size, reach, and dedicated volunteers, CCHA is uniquely positioned to deliver this kind of experience for every player and family. By fostering an environment that is supportive, inclusive, and development focused, and by continuing to build on what already makes the association strong, CCHA can evolve in ways that keep players challenged, engaged, and excited to grow. When done well, youth hockey develops not only better players, but confident, well rounded young people who benefit from the experience long after their playing days are over.