



Appleton Area Hockey Association
(AAHA) Policy
Student Coach Policy

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Purpose – AAHA is committed to developing coaches who will be effective instructors and role models. The purpose of this policy is to explain the process by which player's ages 13 through 17 can serve as a student coach for AAHA.

- I. A player between the ages of 13 and 17 who is currently properly registered with USA Hockey may serve as a student coach under the following conditions:
 - a. Must attend a training session conducted by the local hockey association. Student coaches are not eligible to attend a CEP certification clinic for certification. They may audit a clinic but they do not receive certification credit, nor are they required to pay for the clinic. He/she will need to contact the instructor directly as he/she will not be able to register online due to the age restriction in place.
 - b. Will need to complete Safesport if turning 18 during the year in which they are coaching.
 - c. Must always be under the supervision of a carded, screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, try-outs, and in the locker room.
 - d. May help out at practices, clinics, try-outs only. (May not participate as a player in scrimmages or games when acting as a STUDENT COACH).
 - e. May not act as the head coach or an assistant coach during practices or games.
 - f. May be on the bench during games with an adult. The STUDENT COACH will count as one of the maximum of four Team Officials allowed on the bench.
 - g. Must wear a helmet with full face shield, gloves, and skates while on the ice. Must wear a helmet during games while on the bench.
 - h. May only work with players at least one full playing age level down (e.g., a 14U age player may act as a STUDENT COACH at the 12U, 10U or 8U level).
 - i. The organization that is using the STUDENT COACH must provide a form indicating on what team he/she is participating as a student coach, and, if applicable, what team he/she is properly registered/rostered as a player. A model form can be found by clicking on the link above This form stays with the association.
 - j. Upon reaching the age of 18, the STUDENT COACH must comply with the USA Hockey Screening Program and meet the USA Hockey Coaching Education Program requirements which will qualify him/her to act as an assistant or head coach.
- II. The head coach will determine the schedule for the student coach. The head coach also has the right to terminate the role of student coach at any time for any reason during the course of the season by sending a communication to the Director of Program Operations, to the student coach, and to the student coach's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).