
MORE COMMITTED ROLE

COACH

SLVYHA Volunteer Role · More Committed

THE QUICK VERSION

What it is: Leads a team, plans and runs practices, coaches games, and develops players' skills and love of the game.

Time commitment: Season-long and significant. Generally no less than two practices and one game per week during the season (which runs roughly late December to mid-February for game play, with practices before).

When: Practices, games (home and away travel), and team meetings across the season.

Requirements: Yes, several, this is a screened role: - Must be at least 18 years old - Criminal background check - USA Hockey SafeSport certification before being on the ice - USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP): register with CAHA and attain the required coaching level by December 31 - Signed USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code - Returning coaches submit an updated application each year

Good for you if: You know the game (or are willing to get certified), can commit the full season, and want to shape players' development directly.

Can you still watch your kid play? You'll be on the bench, coaching, likely including your own kid's team.

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Plan, organize, and run practices
 - Direct assistant coaches and work with the team manager
 - Teach hockey fundamentals as instructed by SLVYHA
 - Be fair and impartial to all players
 - Encourage player and parent involvement
 - Schedule and run team meetings as required
 - Attend league meetings and trainings as required
 - Deliver the coaches report at monthly board meetings
 - Learn and follow league, CAHA, and USA Hockey rules
 - Conduct yourself professionally on the bench and model good sportsmanship (zero tolerance for yelling at officials, foul language, or obscene gestures)
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HOW TO DO IT

Coaching pathway and certification run through USA Hockey and CAHA: - Register as a coach with CAHA (registration number required) - Complete the USA Hockey Coaching Education Program to the required level by December 31 - Complete SafeSport

certification - Provide a copy of your CEP card (front and back) before the season

Only certified and registered coaches are allowed on the ice during practices and games, this is strictly enforced for insurance reasons.

Helpful videos / guides: - USA Hockey Coaching Education Program: usahockey.com
- CAHA: coloradohockey.org

WHAT'S PROVIDED VS. WHAT YOU BRING

Provided: Team structure, scheduling (games and practices are set by the Director of Operations), and the SLVYHA/USA Hockey coaching framework.

You bring: Your certification and your time.

WHAT "DONE WELL" LOOKS LIKE

Players develop skills and enjoy the game in a safe, positive, fair environment. You meet all certification and conduct requirements, communicate openly with the board on team matters, and represent SLVYHA well on and off the ice.

WHO TO ASK WHEN YOU'RE STUCK

Reports to / coordinates with: The board on all team-related operational matters; the Director of Operations schedules games and practices; works with the team manager.

Questions about this role: The President or Director of Operations.

INTERESTED IN A ROLE THAT'S ALREADY FILLED?

Don't wait for it to open up. Reach out to the person currently in the role, let them know you're interested and willing to help. Many hands make the work lighter, most role-holders are glad to share the load, bring on an assistant, or start showing someone the ropes for when the seat does open.

HOW TO SIGN UP

Coaching applications are reviewed by the board, and all applicants are subject to a background check. Reach out to the board for the current application details.

1. Submit a coaching application (contact the board)
2. Complete background check, SafeSport, and CEP registration
3. Board review and approval

What happens after you sign up: We'll follow up with the details and get you set up.

Questions about volunteering in general? See the Get Involved section of the Resources Tab, or contact the board.

Full official duties: see the SLVYHA Bylaws (Article V) and Handbook.

