

FOX VALLEY BLADES

Coaching Committee

The Fox Valley Youth Hockey Association Coaching Committee is chaired by the Director of Hockey and shall be organized in the following manner:

- a) Will have a minimum of seven (7) committee members, plus the DOH, for a total of eight (8) members. DOH will be encouraged by the FVYHA board of directors to expand the Coaching Committee beyond seven (7) members, to a maximum of fourteen (14) committee members plus the DOH, based on eligible volunteers.
- b) All *registered* FVYHA coaches from the previous year, will be eligible to join the Coaching Committee.
- c) DOH must prioritize the first seven (7) appointments to the Coaching Committee to form a committee consisting of representatives from each age group for the upcoming season: U8, U10, U12, U14, and Midgets (Age Directors), plus FVYHA Goalie Coordinator and previous DOH. The remaining Coaching Committee members up to fourteen (14) total will be at-large members. These positions may include off-season hockey coordinator, FVYHA Scheduler, U6/IP, or High School liaison.
- d) DOH, with multiple volunteers at a single age group (Age Director positions), will always prioritize previous coaching and playing experience. The same selection process will be used in years where more than fourteen (14) volunteers are available in any particular season to fill at-large positions.
- e) The construction and appointment of Coaching Committee members will be completed by the DOH with oversight from the FVYHA Vice President. Anyone interested in serving on the coaching committee shall express such interest by sending an email to the Director of Hockey (ace@fvyha.com) and the Vice President (vicepresident@fvyha.com). In the event of a disagreement between the DOH and FVYHA Vice President, the FVYHA Board of Directors shall be notified and will discuss and vote (if necessary) at the board level.
- f) Coaching Committee must be presented to the FVYHA Board of Directors, in-person at a monthly board meeting or electronically, no later than the June meeting of that year.

Coaching Committee Members: Shall be appointed by the Director of Hockey, and report to the DOH.

The responsibilities of the Coaching Committee shall include:

- 1) Develop and implement a program for the recruitment, selection and retention of coaches for teams at all age levels.
 - a) At minimum, each Coaching Committee age group representative will have input in the selection of head coaches within his/her age classification.
 - b) Head coaches will be included in the selection of their team's assistant coaches.
- 2) Develop and implement a year-round training and certification program for all coaches.

- 3) Forecast, together with the respective Age Director and entire coaching committee, the number of teams at each level in each division and use the skater evaluation program information (see 9 below) to best determine the levels where those teams will participate.

Example scenarios for five (5) U10 Squirt teams:

A, B, C1, C2, C2

A, B, B, C2, C2

A, B, C2, C2, C2

- 4) Develop and implement a goalie specific training program.
- 5) Develop and implement a player selection process for each age group level. (Annual tryouts) This will need to be FVYHA Board approved if any changes are required to our Tryout Policy.
- 6) Develop and implement an ongoing instructional program for players and goalies throughout the year.
- 7) Development and implement an end-of-year evaluation process for all coaches and skaters at the Squirt level and above.
- 8) Coaching Committee Age Directors will be the point person and responsible for running Agility Hockey throughout the season.
- 9) Develop mechanisms for succession planning and provide a recommendation to the FVYHA Board of Directors every two years regarding the Director of Hockey position.