

## **AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ILLINOIS, Inc.**

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# **Student Coach Policy**

### ***Purpose:***

1. To help train entry level coaches at an earlier age level (Mentor Program)
2. To allow the younger players who wish to do so an opportunity to participate on the ice and help the coaching staff demonstrate/teach skills.
3. To give actual on-ice experience to our younger players who aspire to become a coach in the future.
4. To allow these young players protection under the USA Hockey Insurance program.

### ***Student Coach***

***Definition:*** A player between the ages of 13 and 17 who is currently properly registered / rostered on an AHAI/USA Hockey team.

### ***Qualifications:***

- \* Must attend an AHAI Level 1 CEP Clinic prior to participating as a Student Coach.
- \* Must always be under the supervision of a certified/screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, tryouts and in the locker room.
- \* May help out at practices, clinics and tryouts only. **(May not participate in scrimmages or games as a Student Coach).**
- \* May not act as an assistant or head coach during practices or games.
- \* **May not be on the bench during games.**
- \* Must wear a helmet with full face shield, gloves and skates while on the ice or bench.
- \* May only work with players at least one (1) full playing age level down (e.g. a Pee Wee player may act as a Student Coach at the Squirrel or Mite level).

The Student Coach candidate and their organization / team / parents must completely fill out the USAH Student Coach form (to obtain this form email [pjakubowski@ahai2.org](mailto:pjakubowski@ahai2.org)) and mail completed form to:

**AHAI / STUDENT COACH – P.O. BOX 217 – BATAVIA, IL 60510**

Also include with the form the date of the Level 1 clinic desired.

***Once the Student Coach candidate has completed his / her Level 1 CEP Clinic, the following procedure must also be completed in a timely fashion:***

- The organization which is using the Student Coach must provide a copy of the USAH Student Coach Form indicating on what team he / she is participating as a Student Coach, and what team he / she is properly registered / rostered as a player. A copy of the Student Coach's Certificate (issued to the Student Coach upon completion of the Level 1 clinic) must be attached to the form. This form must be submitted to the AHAI Registrar before participating as a Student Coach. This form must be submitted annually and whenever there is a change of either team.

\* Upon reaching the age of 18, the Student Coach must comply with the AHAI Screening Program and attend the USA Hockey Associate Level Coaching Clinic, which will qualify him/her to act as an assistant or head coach.