

# Coaching Information Sheet

The following is information regarding coaching certification requirements to become a Presque Isle Youth Hockey coach at various levels.

For the first time, PIYH will provide financial assistance to those who need it in order to cover the cost associated with certification. One head coach and one assistant coach for each team will have full certification costs covered if requested. All other practice coaches as well as managers will have the cost of their background screen covered if needed. In order to qualify for reimbursement, all coaches must complete all necessary certification steps (with the exception of the certification clinic) by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. This includes age specific modules, Safesport training, and the background screen. Coaching clinics must be completed by 12/31/2024 and can be done via zoom and will be announced when available. Coaches must remain in good standing throughout the entirety of the season to be considered for reimbursement.

We strongly encourage any of our coaches to begin their coaching education as early as possible by enrolling in age specific module classes and coaching certification clinics. With that being said, here are our minimum requirements for coaching with PIYH:

## Learn to Skate/Learn to Play/6U

- All coaches and anyone assisting on the ice must register with USA Hockey as a coach, and have background screening and Safesport training complete
- All helpers under 18 years old must register as volunteers with USA Hockey. They are not required to complete background screening or Safesport

## 8U

- All head coaches and assistant coaches must register with USA Hockey as a coach, as well as complete the 8U age-specific module, and also complete at least a level 1 coaching certification clinic. A background screen and Safesport training must also be completed.
- All practice coaches 18 and over must register with USA Hockey and complete both the background screen and Safesport training.
- All helpers under 18 years old must register as volunteers with USA Hockey. They are not required to complete background screening or Safesport

## 10U

- All head coaches, assistant coaches, and anyone that intends on being on the bench at any point during any game must register with USA Hockey as a coach, complete the 10U/12U age-specific module, a coaching certification clinic

dependent on what level you are currently at, background screening, and Safesport training.

- All practice coaches 18 and over who do not intend on being on the bench must register with USA Hockey, and complete both background screening and Safesport training.
- All helpers under 18 years old must register as volunteers with USA Hockey. They are not required to complete background screening or Safesport

#### 12U

- All head coaches, assistant coaches, and anyone that intends on being on the bench at any point during any game must register with USA Hockey as a coach, complete the 10/12U age-specific module, a coaching certification clinic dependent on what level you are currently at, background screening, and Safesport training.
- All practice coaches 18 and over who do not intend on being on the bench must register with USA Hockey, and complete both background screening and Safesport training
- All helpers under 18 years old must register as volunteers with USA Hockey. They are not required to complete background screening or Safesport

#### 14U

- All head coaches, assistant coaches, and anyone that intends on being on the bench at any point during any game must register with USA Hockey as a coach, complete the 13 and up age-specific module, a coaching certification clinic dependent on what level you are currently at, background screening, and Safesport training.
- All practice coaches 18 and over who do not intend on being on the bench must register with USA Hockey, and complete both background screening and Safesport training
- All helpers under 18 years old must register as volunteers with USA Hockey. They are not required to complete background screening or Safesport

#### ***Important Reminder:***

No one is allowed on the ice with players at any time without at least a background screen and Safesport training. No one at the 10U level and up is allowed on the bench in any game without having all four aspects of certification complete. MEAHA follows this strictly and will redline any coach without proper certification.