

Southeastern Coaching Update – June, 2020

Getting Ready to Coach for 20/21

This information is being sent to Southeastern coaches and team managers who were registered for the 2019-20 season. As we move into less restrictive phases of COVID transition, in the foreseeable future the ability to return to the ice will be a reality. With all that you have endured, we want to make returning to the ice to coach as painless as possible.

Fulfilling Coaching Clinic Requirements next season

Because of the Pandemic, which has caused so much havoc, USA Hockey has decided to offer three clinic options this fall for Levels 1 through 4:

1. Temporary Card Option: *(I recommend this option and it expires 30 JUNE)*

Realizing that many coaches (a) may not want to attend in person for health reasons, or (b) may not have the at-home capability to participate online, USA Hockey will be offering a special “Temporary Card” option. This option will only be available for the 2020-2021 season and ONLY in the month of June. It will extend your current coaching level for the 2020-2021 season. USA Hockey sent an email about this on June 4. Additionally, if you do take a TEMP Card you are pre-paid for either on-line or in-person clinics for the 2020-2021 season.

2. On-Line Clinics: USAH is currently developing on-line clinics. We will be using the free Zoom video conferencing software. Zoom will allow us to use “breakout” rooms where your clinic session can feature small-group discussions as part of the learning experience. To make clinics more manageable, I expect that each one will be broken up into two, three-hour sessions. Finally, please keep in mind that you need a good, solid internet connection to participate in clinics in this way. You can enroll in the same way as an in-person clinic. *We will have clinics available by July 1.*

3. In-Person Clinics:

Some clinics may still be offered in-person. Most of my staff of instructors are willing to do in-person clinics, with the assurance that various safety factors, as recommended by the authorities, will be implemented. Attendance will likely be very limited, there will be no wait listing, and no walk-ins will be accepted at the door.

I encourage each of you to act and decide on what works best for you. Understand, that seeking a TEMP card prepays the other two options for this season but gives you the peace of mind that you will have met your CEP requirement for this season. I wish you good health, and hope to see you around the rink.

Good Luck this Season,

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