

Letter of Declaration for Sean McCabe
Director of Hockey
Hastings Hockey Association

Attn: Hastings Hockey Association Board & Membership

Hello, my name is Sean McCabe for those of you that do not know me. A little bit about me, I'm a non-parent volunteer that has been deeply involved in the Hastings Hockey program. I was born and raised in Hastings and currently reside in the community. I have been involved in the hockey program for 40 years as a player, official, coach, board member and onlooker. After participating as a player, I became involved in officiating in 2008. Acting as an on-ice official at all levels of play and assisting in the development and mentoring of new officials, which was comprised of mostly kids involved in our youth and high school teams. I began my coaching career in 2013 at the Bantam B level, I have also held roles as head coach of the Bantam AA team and most recently, assistant coach at the Peewee A level. From 2016 – 2024, I held the position of Peewee Level Director. Served as Commissioner of Travel Hockey from 2023-24. As a member of our Hockey Board, I regularly attend Board Meetings to have a firm understanding of the climate of our organization, as well as being instrumental and involved in our Hockey Development Committee. Over the past several years and at various times I have led Monday night Skills Sessions for all teams at our travel levels, also led the on-ice instruction/training for both the Peewee & Bantam Spring/Fall clinics, as well as assisting in coaching the Bantam Level Spring/Summer Hastings Ice Hawks Teams, I have also assisted with the High School Boys Fall Skill and 3 on 3 Skate and have helped with assisting and running our weekly association goalie clinics.

I feel that my experience as Director of Hockey, Commissioner of Travel Hockey, Level Director and Coach, as well as my passion and commitment to Hastings Hockey makes me a great candidate to continue to serve as Director of Hockey for HHB. The experiences of my current & previous roles have allowed me to gain a firm understanding and knowledge of budget preparations, the management and coordination of travel hockey tryouts, coaching selection and development, mediation and problem solving, oversight of level activities and most importantly the development of our athletes as both hockey players and humans.

My goal as Director of Hockey is to continue to be instrumental in the development of our players, supporting the growth and betterment of our organization as a whole. To work side by side with our Hockey Development Committee to support a road map for player development from bottom to top, while continuing to work on creating a strong organizational culture.

Action items include:

- The continuation and development of our Squirt hybrid/travel model. Which includes playing a District travel schedule, scrimmages and tournament play. Along with a 3 vs 3 Development league that focuses on increased puck touches to help improve puck handling skills, provide more opportunities for individual skill development, increased participation, encouraging creativity, developing hockey sense and decision-making skills, improve cardiovascular endurance, and make the game more enjoyable for kids. This would include the continued

incorporation of skill based practices, to work in conjunction with the 3 vs 3 development league, working towards the eventual goal to support and build on travel hockey participation.

- Growth and skill development practices at all levels, with a roadmap goal of progressive achievement and advancement.
- The continuation and building of coaching development and education.
- Continued collaboration and engagement with our High School coaches (both boys & girls) in conjunction with our Hockey Development Committee to foster and build a strong and prideful culture.

My goal is to be a great continued resource, leader and facilitator as the Director of Hockey, with a primary goal of player development, while working to help build a strong culture and to ensure that our players are having fun and enjoying the game they love to play.

As a non-parent coach/Board member I have made a deep commitment to the Hastings Hockey program and feel that as Director of Hockey, I can continue to foster a positive environment, by providing a great overall experience and helping to develop the kids in our program into better athletes and better people.

By voting for me you will get an individual who is a non-parent volunteer that is deeply rooted, willing to commit the necessary time and work and invested in the growth and development of Hastings Hockey. Please feel free to reach out with any questions at seanmccabe01@gmail.com or at 651-214-4378.

Thank you,

Sean McCabe