

# Student Coaches

Fall 2022

## In accordance with USA Hockey Rules and Regulations:

**Student Coach** – is a player between the ages of 13 and 17 who is currently registered with USA Hockey. Age determination is based on age as of December 31 of the current season.

### Qualifications

- Must attend a training session conducted by the local hockey association
- Must always be under the supervision of a carded, screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, tryouts, and in the locker room
- May help out at practices, clinics, tryouts only. (May not participate as a player in scrimmages or games when acting 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 with an adult unless rostered to the team as a Student Coach. The STUDENT COACH will count as one of the maximum four Team Officials allowed on the bench.
- Must wear a helmet with full-face shield, gloves and skates while on the ice. Must wear helmet during games when on the bench.
- May only work with players at least *two* full playing age levels down (e.g. a PeeWee age player may act as a STUDENT COACH at the Mite level, but not at the Squirt level.)
- The organization that is using the STUDENT COACH must provide a form indicating what team he/she is participating as a STUDENT COACH and what team he/she is properly registered/rostered as a player.

Upon reaching the age of 18, the STUDENT COACH must comply with all USA Hockey coaching, screening rules and regulations. This includes Age-Specific Modules.

**To those who have expressed an interest in Student Coaching** – If you are within the age guidelines, please complete the Student Coach Information Form and return it to the SFYHA office. You must secure the signature of your coach of the team for which you play and your Parent/Guardian signature. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Hockey Line at 361-9836. Thanks!!

**Mandatory – Registration as a Student Coach must be completed prior to going on the ice with designated team!  
Approval is required by Director of Hockey – Coach Houck.**

### **Additionally, SFYHA:**

- Exempts family from volunteer requirement when player serves as an active Student Coach.
- Coaches have the latitude to accept or deny use of Student Coach for their team/league.
- Realizes some coaches may not want an extra body on the ice.
- If we have a need for Student Coach, the coach can reach out to the player, contact Director of Hockey.
- Head coach is in control and no guarantees the Student Coach will have a spot on any given team.
- Non-player Student Coaches will only be considered if need is determined. The non-player must register with USA Hockey and submit all applicable fees to USA Hockey.
- Student Coaches must wear shin pads when they are helping on the ice in addition to USA Hockey required gear.
- Coaches who utilize Student Coaches will set guidelines and provide instruction for them.
- Student Coaches may attend CEP Level 1 Seminar at no charge.

**Age 18 and Over = Must be a coach, screened,  
Safe Sport, CEP & Age Module compliant**

**Ages 13-17 = Must be registered with SFYHA as a Student Coach**

### **Older Players as Demonstrators**

Please remember Student Coaching is for players ages 13-17. Players in this age range must complete Student Coach form and follow established guidelines.

#### **SFYHA Policy for utilizing Older Players as Demonstrators:**

- Players younger than 13 years old can act as demonstrators for coaches of teams at least one age level lower than their own age level. Only PeeWee, Squirt and Mite players may be utilized as demonstrators.
- Coaches are required to provide a list of demonstrators to the Director of Hockey and SFYHA Registrar. If demonstrators are not on file with SFYHA Registrar, they will be asked to discontinue participation as a demonstrator.
- Demonstrators will help demonstrate skills & drills as directed by coach. They would not exercise any control over the players.
- Demonstrators must wear helmet with shield, gloves, shin pads and skates. Full gear is recommended.
- **This does not allow for younger age kids to be on the ice with older teams at any time.**

