



To: Minnesota Hockey Directors

From: Christian Koelling - Coach-In-Chief, Minnesota District

Re: Spring Report - 2021

2020 Recap of Virtual Clinics

In order to execute the transition to virtual clinics, three Coach Developers were selected to host Curriculum A (Level 1 and 2) clinics, and three Coach Developers were selected to host Curriculum B (Level 3-4) clinics. In addition, the District Coach-In-Chief led clinics for both curriculums. In total, we hosted 36 clinics with approximately 2,000 coaches attending.

We structured our staff as follows:

Lead Coach Developer – Ultimately responsible for the execution of the clinic (posting, staffing, closing, etc.)

Host – In charge of running the actual clinic

Producer – Responsible for running the meeting technology

Speakers – Efficient at presenting 2-3 topics, assisted with speaking at clinics

Transitioning to virtual clinics while unveiling a new curriculum was challenging at first, but not too difficult once we got going. We used shared Google documents to schedule and collaborate, which worked well. We also met virtually a number of times to plan and train for the virtual clinics and new curriculum.

The ability to host clinics virtually in the future will be a great instrument to the CEP, allowing our clinic offerings to be dynamic and convenient to our membership. The ability to interact with coaches from across the country was an unintended benefit that most participants and staff enjoyed. The virtual clinic format was also highly appreciated by coaches who live in rural parts of the state where in person clinic options have been limited in the past.

New Level 3 Curriculum

The Coaches Section is in the process of finalizing the new Level 3 curriculum. This year all Level 3 and 4 clinics will use this curriculum. Next year the new Level 4 curriculum will be added. Level 4 clinics are no longer 2-3 day events. They will now be structured the same as Level 1-3 clinics.

Enhanced Coach Developer Training

We will be investing in training Coach Developers this fall with a series of virtual training sessions in May. We will also do in person training in June. A handful of Coach Developers will participate, and we will train the remaining Coach Developers in Minnesota.

New CEP Structure/CEU Program

Beginning next year the new CEP structure adopted at Annual Congress will go into effect. The Level 4 clinic will now be structured like Level 1-3 clinics. Once coaches complete their Level 4 they will need to complete 5 credit hours of continuing education within a 3 year period. Coaches who have already received their Level 4 are grandfathered, and do not need to complete the CEU requirements. (Exception: coaches of national bound tournament teams must complete CEU's)

2020 Level 5 – Duluth, MN

We are still planning to host the National Coaching Symposium (Level 5) in Duluth on August 19-22, 2021. Local authorities are confident there will not be government restrictions preventing us from moving forward with the event. This will be a great opportunity for our coaching community to finally be together again after nearly two years of little to no in person interaction.

District 5 Head Coach

Derrick Brown has submitted his resignation as the District 5 Head Coach. Steve Gapinski and I have been in communication regarding a replacement.

Submitted by,

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