

# Board of Directors Application

6 members will be elected to the 2026 Board of Directors this year. **Board members are elected by the families of SRIYHA and are appointed to a 3-year term.**

This form is to be used by those members who are eligible and wish to be considered for election to an SRIYHA board position. Please fill in all the information you wish to provide to the general membership. This application will be posted on the SRIYHA website for viewing before voting opens.

Name \*

First and last name

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## Personal Background \*

I am a dedicated supporter of youth athletics and community development with a strong commitment to providing a positive, safe, and growth-focused experience for youth athletes. My involvement within the SRIYHA program as a parent of 2 girls (travel and house league) has given me a deep appreciation for the role the organization plays in building character, teamwork, and resilience throughout the hockey season.

Through my experience within other organizations as an engaged parent, I have developed a solid understanding of how a well-run organization supports both player development and family engagement. I am motivated to help strengthen the SRIYHA organization's long-term sustainability and impact.

Professionally, I have experience in leadership, problem-solving and organizational management through my many years as an Operations Manager with a local manufacturing company. I am comfortable working with diverse groups, supporting initiatives and I believe strong communications are essential to ensure athletes, families, and coaches succeed together throughout the season.

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## Hockey / Youth Sports Philosophy \*

I believe in player development, safety, and well-being for all, and development of life skills to support the love of any sport a child decides to play.

Age-appropriate training as well as setting expectations are the starting foundation to ensure all children have the access to long-term development vs. winning. This supports fundamentals such as teamwork, accountability and leadership at a young age.

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## Credentials \*

- Degree in Business Management (MBA)
  - Previous coaching experience within youth flag football and AAU baseball
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## Other Relevant Information

I am the father of 2 girls currently involved with the SRIYHA association. One who plays at the Squirt travel level and the other who is entering her first year of Mites travel after playing house league for 2 years. Within the coming years I will also have a son who is eager to join the SRIYHA.

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Signature (by typing your name, you give SRIYHA permission to publish this information to our membership) \*

Jeffrey Harding

This form was created inside of Southern Rhode Island Youth Hockey Association.

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