

Ashley Barnett SYHA Board Administrator Candidate Bio

My name is Ashley Barnett and I am currently the Springfield Spirit Peewee Team Manager. The 2025-2026 season is my third year of being in either a co-Team Manager or Team Manager role.

I am a dedicated youth hockey team manager, a proud mom of two, and an active member of our hockey community. My son currently plays on the Peewee team, which has given me firsthand experience with the day-to-day operations, challenges, and rewards of being part of a youth hockey program—not just from the stands, but behind the scenes.

As a Team Manager, I have worked closely with coaches, parents, players, and league officials to ensure smooth communication, organization, and a positive experience for everyone involved. From coordinating schedules and managing team logistics to supporting families and helping players and coaches stay focused on teamwork and development, I understand how much effort it takes to run a successful youth hockey program.

During my time as a Team Manager, I have successfully organized our first home tournament for the organization and I will continue to grow the home tournaments as I get more involved in the board. I have also organized our first ever youth Hockey Fights Cancer game to raise money for American Cancer Society. Our first year raised \$550. I believe it's important for our youth to be involved in the community and charity events.

My motivation to run for the SYHA Board Administrator position comes from a desire to give back to the organization that has provided a place for our youth to play competitive hockey. I believe youth hockey should be a place where athletes can grow not only in skill, but also in confidence, discipline, and sportsmanship. Creating a safe, inclusive, and well-organized environment is essential to that mission.

If elected, my goal as a board administrator would be to support coaches and volunteers, strengthen communication across the organization, and help ensure that our hockey program continues to grow in a positive and sustainable way. I am invested in our community, and ready to contribute my time, energy, and experience to serve our players and families.