



**MICHIGAN DISTRICT - COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM
2020-2021 END OF SEASON REPORT**



Season Recap:

The 2020-2021 season was my 25th year in the Coaching Education Program, and by far, the most unique and challenging. It was also very rewarding, as people’s creativity developed new ways of offering our programs.

After Covid-19 stopped all normal living, the Coaching Education Program managed to pivot to a virtual curriculum, organized by our Curriculum Committee, which included (and was largely led by) our ADM Regional Manager, Bob Mancini. We were fortunate to have adopted Zoom in 2017, so many of us were used to it, and had USA Hockey Zoom Accounts. By early July we had organized materials suitable for presenting on Zoom, had created scripts for virtual clinics, had defined new roles of “Clinic Producer” to manage the technical environment, and in early July launched the new virtual clinics. We also decided, based on several compelling reasons, to offer unlimited access to the Temporary Card for this season only. As you will see below, this was a popular decision.

Finally, USA Hockey’s Youth Council, in December, authorized an extension of the Coach Education Due Date to January 31, 2021. For the first time we offered coaching clinics in January to help support coaches getting a late start on their season.

In February, I resigned as Michigan Coach-in-Chief, pending the appointment of a successor. In May, Matt Kakabeeke was appointed to the role of CIC, and he has begun the work of planning the upcoming clinic season.

Finally, having continued my involvement with USA Hockey as a Texas resident, I’ve been privileged to participate in training for our curriculum revisions which are set for the new clinic season. I can safely say that our programs are now the most user friendly, and the most sophisticated, that USA Hockey has ever offered. For coaches who take their own training seriously, our clinics will be a valuable experience and will improve our national player development processes.

Thank you to all my friends and colleagues in Michigan for their support and contributions this past year!
Jack Witt

COACHING CLINICS AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Here are some of the metrics for our program as of January 30, 2021:

Temporary Cards – 14,568

Clinic Registrations – 15,705

Completed (Level 1-4) – 15,174 coaches

Bronze Completed – 495 coaches

Virtual Clinics Held – 387

371 Level 1-4 Clinics

12 Bronze Goaltending Clinics (11 Completed – 479 Coaches)

4 High Performance Clinic for coaches that are coaching blind athletes (Completed)

MICHIGAN COACHING PROGRAM CLINIC SUMMARY –

Level	Number of Clinics	Attendees
1	6	240
2	5	148
3	2	96
4	5	257

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SEASON

- First, a "Thank YOU" to the CEP Coordinators located throughout Michigan, and to our clinic speakers, for their efforts. The Coaching Education Program would not be possible without their dedication and skill.
- The Michigan Coaching Program will continue in 2021 under new leadership, but with the same mission, educating coaches to improve hockey in the United States. I want to offer Matt all my best wishes for success in his new role, and I know we'll continue to work together as the new season draws near.
- USA Hockey has confirmed that the National Hockey Coaches Symposium (Level 5) will be offered in Duluth, MN, from August 19-22. Information and enrollment information are in the Coaches section of the USA Hockey web site.
- More of the new curriculum will be launched in Fall, 2021. In the fall, an updated Level 1 and Level 2 curriculum will be rolled out, along with a completely new Level 3 (which will be presented at both Level 3 and 4 clinics).
- I anticipate that Michigan will offer a number of Virtual Clinics for attendees around the U.S., along with in-person clinics as Covid-19 begins to wane.
- Our staff of instructors will be trained in the new curriculum during the late summer, probably August. Exact dates have not been set yet.

Thanks to everyone who was supportive and understanding as we dealt with a very, very difficult season! I will miss being with all of you but will definitely keep in touch!

Submitted by: Jack Witt, (former) Michigan District Coach-in-Chief.