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### **New England District Coaching Update – September 2020**

#### **Hockey is Back in the New England District!**

Before jumping into Coaching matters, let me remind everyone that the Coronavirus is still a risk, and it can affect younger people just as seriously as other “vulnerable” populations. USA Hockey has continued to provide detailed information and best practices for coaching and playing hockey in this environment. Keeping current with and following these practices will help prevent us from being “shut down” again. Please do your part! Thank you.

The links below provide some information on navigating at the rinks (check with the individual rinks directly for more detail) and conducting practices during the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### **RETURN TO THE RINK:**

[https://cdn4.sportngin.com/attachments/document/d8b1-2158869/Returning\\_to\\_the\\_Rinks\\_05-05-2020\\_1\\_.pdf#\\_ga=2.66134443.440729886.1600186853-1192288119.1596577661](https://cdn4.sportngin.com/attachments/document/d8b1-2158869/Returning_to_the_Rinks_05-05-2020_1_.pdf#_ga=2.66134443.440729886.1600186853-1192288119.1596577661)

#### **GRID PRACTICE (click on COVID-19):**

<https://www.admkids.com/page/show/915460-practice-plans>

#### **Coaching Education for Fall, 2020**

Our coaching clinic program is underway. The New England District has already held several virtual clinics: one Level 1 Clinic, two Level 2 Clinics, one Level 3 Clinic and three Level 4 Clinics. Clinic will continue being posted throughout the normal clinic season: September – December. Click on the link below to find a clinic you can attend. Remember coaches, most clinics are virtual so you can actually attend a clinic at your level from anywhere in the country, so choose one that fits your schedule and have a good time interacting with coaches from around the U.S. You can click on <https://cepsearch.usahockey.com/> to check your Coaching Certification Level. **Remember, this needs to be complete by 12/31/2020 (October 31, 2020 for Split Season teams).**

<https://www.usahockey.com/coachingclinics>

For those who, for any reason, cannot participate in a coaching clinic this season, USA Hockey is allowing you to obtain a Temporary Coaching Card by applying online. Temporary Cards are a one-time/one-year deal that will keep you at your current level and allow you to coach for this season but the coach will have to continue their progression through the Coaching Education Program in 2021-22. Click the link to register for a Temporary Card: <https://myevents.usahockey.com/2020tempcard>. Deadline for Temp Card application is also 12/31/2020 but please register early (before December 15) and DO NOT wait until the last minute.

***Thank you, again, for all you do for your players and USA Hockey!!***

## Brief Summary of the Proposed Clinic Progression

**NOTE: In addition to the clinics a coach must ...**

- Complete **SafeSport** every year
- Have a **Background Check**.
- A coach can only attend one clinic a year
- **Age Specific Modules** must be completed before a coach can be placed on a roster. A coach must complete a module for each age group they are coaching and once completed a coach does not need to take again.
- **Deadline** to be current is **December 31** or **October 31 for Split Season teams**.

