



Student Coach Policy

Players between the ages of 13 and 17 who are currently properly registered with USA Hockey may serve as an ESHA/IceHawks student coach under the following conditions:

- May only coach at levels younger than your current ESHA registered playing level.
- Must attend at least one (1) training session conducted by ESHA's Hockey Director. Student coaches are not eligible to attend a CEP certification clinic for certification. They may audit a clinic but they do not receive certification credit, nor are they required to pay for the clinic. He/she will need to contact the instructor directly as he/she will not be able to register online due to the age restriction in place.
- Does NOT need a background check or SafeSport until the age of 18.
- Must always be under the supervision of a carded, screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, try-outs, and in the locker room.
- May help out at practices, clinics, try-outs only. (May not participate as a player in scrimmages or games when acting as a STUDENT COACH).
- May not act as the head coach or an assistant coach during practices or games.
- May be on the bench during games with an adult. The STUDENT COACH will count as one of the maximum of four Team Officials allowed on the bench.
- Must wear a helmet with full face shield, gloves, and skates while on the ice (elbow pads are encouraged). Must wear helmet during games while on the bench.
- May only work with players at least one full playing age level down (e.g., a 14U age player may act as a STUDENT COACH at the 12U, 10U or 8U level).
- Upon reaching the age of 18, the STUDENT COACH must comply with the USA Hockey Screening Program and meet the USA Hockey Coaching Education Program requirements which will qualify him/her to act as an assistant or head coach.
- Must get approval from your current coach and coach of the team you will be assisting.
- Review the Student Coach Brief and complete the Student Coach application. These may be found on the ESHA Website at www.eastonhockey.org on the Coach's Corner tab in the left column. Submit the completed form to ESHA's Hockey Director or email to ESHA's Registrar at icehawk.esharegistrar@gmail.com.
- Student Coaches will receive service hours for their help throughout season, it is YOUR responsibility to get this done.