

Player Development Committee Description and Application Procedure

Job Description: *The Player Development Committee's mission is to provide the oversight over the development of the whole hockey player for the River Lakes Hockey Association. It is committed to improving the skills of each and every player within the River Lakes Hockey Association. The PDC will continue to work on ways to provide the best possible learning environment for the greatest development of their individual skills while at the same time allowing every participant to enjoy the sport of ice hockey to its fullest.*

Committee Membership:

Association and Coaching Education Coordinator: (ACE) Currently the ACE coordinator is on a yearly rotation between the East and West Associations. There are two ACE Coordinators that each represents the side they were nominated from. The River Lakes ACE Coordinator will be selected through PDC and rotate annually from each side. The ACE Coordinator must be a representative on the PDC for at least one year before serving as ACE.

Description: The ACE coordinator will have the following job responsibilities:

- Plan, organize, and execute periodic skills workshops for coaches, players, and parents.
- Evaluate practice sessions and provide feedback to coaches to improve the coaching capability of local association coaches.
- Establish and maintain a resource center for coaches, players, and parents that include USA Hockey materials.
- Communicate certification requirements to local association coaches and ensure compliance with USA Hockey and affiliate certification levels.
- Communicate with the District ACE Coordinator, their affiliate ACE Coordinator, and USA Hockey on all issues related to coaching at the association level.
- Encourage local association to implement the USA Hockey skill development and cross-ice programs. Ensure that the local association is promoting age-specific skill development in all of their programs.
- Communicate USA Hockey's player development opportunities to players, parents, and coaches.
- Deliver parent education programs to the local association.
- Oversee local Player Development Committee meetings
- Report to River Lakes Hockey Board – (RLS ACE Coordinator only)

PDC Committee members: PDC committee members will serve two year terms. They are responsible to be at monthly PDC meeting and assist the ACE coordinator in directing the development of all hockey players in the association. PDC members should have a firm understanding of the game of hockey and the progression of skills needed for players at all levels to be successful in the game of hockey.

The following criteria are guidelines for PDC committee Membership

- Minimum of 2 years coaching experience – may be in the association or from another organization
- Members have a strong hockey background and knowledge
- Minimum of 2 years of Association membership
- Strong leadership skills
- Strong communication skills

Applying to the PDC Committee:

RLS members that are interested in serving on the Player Development Committee are encouraged to fill out the application that is located on the RLS website in the PDC tab. Applications are solicited via e-mail to all members in January by the RLS Board. Applications need to be filled out and turned into the ACE Coordinator or RLS Board President by February 28th. Applications are reviewed by the Player Development Committee in March and new members that have been selected will receive notification from the ACE Coordinator. Once accepted, new members will begin their terms in April.

RLS Player Development Committee Application

Name of Applicant _____

Association membership: (Circle one) EAST WEST

Years of membership in RLS: _____

Current level of USA Coaching Certification: _____

Please answer the following questions: (Applicant may add additional information on a separate sheet if necessary)

1. Please list/describe your experience(s) in coaching hockey. Include all levels

2. Please describe what you think the role of the Player Development Committee should have in the Association?

3. Please discuss your philosophy of developing hockey players from mites on up to bantams.

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