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Eastview Mite Hockey – Coach Information

Eastview hockey welcomes parents that are interested in being a head coach or assistant coach. Coaching can be a very rewarding experience and is very important in making hockey both enjoyable and a learning experience for young players.

USA Hockey Coaching Certification

Parents that are interested in coaching should notify the mite coordinator, Dave Kisch at 952.953.9826. Also, they **are required to attend the USA level 1 initiation program** to receive their coaching certification. The cost of the initiation program is reimbursable through EVHA. Contact admin@eastviewhockey.net or call Amy Hutsell at 612.791.5786. For times and dates of the clinic times visit the following link: <http://minnesotahockey.org/html/Hockeyclinics.htm>

Head coaches are responsible for:

- Preparing a practice plan prior to each practice (using EVHA examples as a guide)
- Conducting practices in cooperation with other head coaches
- Distributing schedules and player information
- Delegating a parent to be the team manager
- Communicating information about schedule changes or cancellations to parents
- Sign out team equipment (pucks and goalie equipment) and return it at the end of season
- Making sure that **all parents on the ice are certified by USA hockey and have completed a background check**
- Making sure that if they are unable to attend a practice that another head coach or assistant coach has been notified and will run the practice
- Making sure that players have fun and develop their hockey skills

Assistant coaches and parent volunteers:

- To be on the ice, all assistant coaches and parent volunteers **MUST** receive their level 1 initiation program coaching certificate and pass a background check. No exceptions.
- Assistant coaches are responsible for assisting with practice drills and occasionally running practices in the absence of a head coach.

Coach Background Checks

EVHA requires that **all coaches (new and returning) fill out a background check form**. Please complete a form at <http://eastviewhockey.net/Forms.html> or contact Registrar Mark Stillings @ (952) 953-0784 or registration@eastviewhockey.net if you need a hard copy of the form.

General Information

- If possible, coaches are asked to help out during the Mite clinic. Dave Kisch, the Mite Coordinator, will run the clinic and can answer questions.
- Coaches will be assigned to teams following the Mite Evaluation on Saturday, November 6th and prior to the first mite practices on November 13th.
- **All parents that are on the ice, even if they do not want to coach, must have a USA hockey coaching certificate and have completed a background check.**

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