



Owen Sound Minor Hockey Group Local League Coach - Role Description

OBJECTIVE:

As a Local League Coach for Owen Sound Minor Hockey, your primary objective is to nurture the growth and development of young athletes participating in our local league teams. Your role is essential in providing a positive and supportive environment where players can learn and develop their skills while fostering a love for the game. Your partnership with the Owen Sound Minor Hockey Director of Coach and Player Development will ensure that coaching efforts align with the organization's overarching development objectives, emphasizing the values of respect, integrity, and sportsmanship. Additionally, you will strive to provide the players with the best experience possible, which might include organization of weekend tournaments and facilitating social gatherings outside of hockey to promote camaraderie and team bonding.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Coaching and Training:

- Develop and implement age-appropriate training programs aligned with the player development pathways outlined by Owen Sound Minor Hockey and in collaboration with the Director of Coach and Player Development.
- Provide guidance on fundamental skills, game understanding, and sportsmanship tailored to the needs of our young athletes.
- Conduct engaging practice sessions focusing on skill development, teamwork, and enjoyment of the game.
- Utilize positive reinforcement and constructive feedback to encourage player growth and development.

Player Development:

- Create a supportive and inclusive environment that fosters individual growth and confidence-building among players.
- Offer personalized coaching and encouragement to help each player develop their skills and reach their full potential.
- Identify areas for improvement and provide opportunities for players to progress along their development journey, in coordination with the Director of Coach and Player Development.
- Collaborate closely with other coaches to ensure consistency in coaching methods and alignment with the organization's development philosophy.

Team Management:

- Work in collaboration with coaches and the organization to organize the team rosters, ensuring fair play and equal opportunities for all players to participate and contribute to the team's success.
- Manage assistant coaches, manager, and trainer effectively, delegating responsibilities and coordinating efforts to ensure smooth operation of the team.
- Collaborate with the team manager to organize logistics for games, practices, and other team activities, ensuring all administrative tasks are completed efficiently.
- Work closely with the team trainer to address any player injuries or medical concerns, prioritizing player safety and well-being at all times.
- Foster a collaborative and cohesive team environment among all staff members, promoting open communication and mutual respect in all interactions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish clear goals and objectives for the team, emphasizing skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship, in consultation with the Director of Coach and Player Development. ● Foster a positive team culture based on mutual respect, discipline, and commitment, promoting good sportsmanship both on and off the ice. ● Address any conflicts or issues within the team promptly and effectively to maintain a supportive and harmonious team environment.
Competition Preparation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepare the team for local league games by organizing practices, developing game strategies, and instilling the importance of fair play and good sportsmanship. ● Provide guidance and support during games, focusing on player development and enjoyment of the game rather than solely on the outcome. ● Encourage players to compete with determination and effort while demonstrating respect for opponents, officials, and teammates.
Communication and Leadership:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintain open and transparent communication with players, parents/guardians, coaching staff, and the organization, keeping all stakeholders informed and engaged. ● Lead by example, demonstrating integrity, positivity, and a passion for the game, serving as a role model for young athletes. ● Act as a mentor and supportive figure for players, providing guidance and encouragement both on and off the ice. ● Represent Owen Sound Minor Hockey with pride and professionalism in all interactions with external stakeholders, promoting the values of respect, integrity, and sportsmanship.
Continuous Learning and Improvement:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay informed about the latest developments in coaching methodologies, child development principles, and best practices, in collaboration with the Director of Coach and Player Development. ● Pursue opportunities for professional development, including attending coaching clinics, workshops, and conferences, to enhance coaching effectiveness and player development. ● Solicit feedback from players, parents/guardians, and colleagues to identify areas for improvement and innovation, continuously striving to enhance the coaching experience and player development outcomes.
<p>In summary, as a Local League Coach for Owen Sound Minor Hockey, your role is to create a positive and supportive environment where young athletes can learn, develop, and enjoy the game of hockey. Your partnership with the Director of Coach and Player Development ensures that coaching efforts are aligned with the organization's overarching development objectives, emphasizing the values of respect, integrity, and sportsmanship in every aspect of the coaching experience.</p>	