

Coaching Education Program

As youth hockey players strive for better performance, a real challenge has been issued to youth hockey coaches throughout the United States. Good quality coaching is the key component to both the development and enjoyment of the individual hockey players.

USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program (CEP) has accepted this challenge by developing and providing the best possible coaching education programs for the youth hockey coach. The CEP realizes it is important that all youth hockey players participate in a positive, enjoyable, and safe environment. These young athletes must be introduced to hockey and coached in a way that assists them in developing their skills, have fun while playing, compete in the spirit of fair play, and provide them with the maximum opportunity for participation. This is vital to insuring that all youth hockey players develop a love of the game, which will promote active involvement throughout their lives.

Hockey has been in an environment of rapidly changing techniques, strategies, teaching methods and safety concerns. Each year, thousands of new dedicated people begin coaching youth hockey. Most have had little or no preparation for such an important role. USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program provides these coaches with simple, up to date, age specific and user-friendly materials regarding all aspects of coaching.

Coaching Education Program Vision Statements

Purpose

Educate coaches in the pursuit of excellence.

Mission

The USA Hockey Coaching Education Program is committed to developing coaches who will be effective instructors and role models through a comprehensive education program at all levels.

The Coaching Education Program shall emphasize the teaching of fundamental skills, conceptual development, sportsmanship, and to respect the dignity of the individual athlete.

Values

USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program will embrace the following values to establish the moral and ethical priorities that serve to guide the Coaching Program: *Character, commitment, enjoyment, integrity, knowledge, leadership, sportsmanship, and vision.*

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COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM – 2009 CLINIC DATES

Level 1

September 27, 2009
November 15, 2009

Leddy Park, Burlington
Woodstock H.S., Woodstock

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October 11, 2009
November 22, 2009

St. Michael's College (Essex Rink)
Norwich University

Level 3

October 18, 2009
December 6, 2009

St. Michael's College (Essex Rink)
Middlebury College

NOTE 1: Required for post season regional play for Pee Wee levels and up. All clinics will have registration starting at 8:00 am. The clinics will begin at 8:30 am. Refreshments will be provided.

NOTE 2: All clinics will include an on-ice session.

Required Equipment: Helmet, Skates, Stick and Gloves

NOTE 3: **Payment is required at registration!**

Make checks payable to USA Hockey.

Level 1 – Each participant will be charged \$25.00.

Level 2 – Each participant will be charged \$35.00.

Level 3 – Each participant will be charged \$45.00.

Recertification – Each participant will be charged \$20.00.

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USA HOCKEY COACHING EDUCATION - CLINIC ATTENDANCE

Active coaches for the 2009/2010 season are those accredited at the appropriate level in the 2006/2007, 2007/2008, or the 2008/2009 seasons. All others must attend the clinic(s) appropriate to the level that they will coach in the 2009/2010 season.

PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME! Clinic registration starts at 8:00 AM, with classroom presentations starting at 8:30 AM.

All coaches having achieved a previous Coaching Education level must present their Blue USA Hockey Coaching Education card at the clinic registration.

Coaches are strongly recommended to register and pay for all clinics online at www.usahockey.com under the Coaches Section link. Coaches can still register on the day of the clinic at the clinic location. Signing of the registration form and payment of the clinic fee at the clinic location must take place prior to the beginning of the clinic.

Coaches will not be allowed to participate in any clinic activity unless they have completed a registration form and the clinic fee has been paid!

Starting with the 2006/2007 season, USA Hockey will require that all coaches wear a helmet on the ice for all practices. All coaches attending a clinic will be required to have a helmet, skates, sticks and gloves.

Coaches that do not skate or forget the proper equipment must observe from the stands or the players benches during on-ice activities.

All coaches are required to stay for the entire clinic. Anyone arriving ½ hour late or leaving before the end of the session will not be issued a coaching card. Coaches will only be allowed to attend 2 clinics per season.

For clinic registration fees, please make check payable to: **USA HOCKEY.**

Lost Coaching Education Cards can be replaced through the State Coaching Director for a \$5.00 replacement fee. The request must be in writing with proof of achievement level.

Coaching Education Program – Required Levels Coaching Education Required Levels USA Hockey requires that the following set of coaching education levels must be the **minimum criteria**. It must be clearly understood that coaching education requirements must be monitored and enforced by the districts or affiliates. All coaches (head and assistant) must have their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program card by December 31 of the calendar year.

<u>Level of Play</u>	<u>Coaching Education Program Level</u>
Mites (All 8 and under programs)	Level 1
Squirts	Level 2 (Prerequisite Level 1)
Pee Wees	Level 3 (Prerequisite Level 1 and 2)
Bantams	Level 3 (Prerequisite Level 1 and 2)
Midgets	Level 3 (Prerequisite Level 1 and 2)
Midgets Tier I and Tier II (National Tournament Bound)	Level 4 (Prerequisite Level 1, 2 and 3)
High School	Level 3(Prerequisite Level 1 and 2)
Junior C	Level 3(Prerequisite Level 1 and 2)
Junior A & B	Level 4(Per individual league guidelines)
Girls/Women 10 & Under	Level 1
Girls/Women 12 & Under	Level 2(Prerequisite Level 1)
Girls/Women 15 & Under	Level 3(Prerequisite Level 1 and 2)
Girls/Women 19 & Under	Level 3(Prerequisite Level 1 and 2)

Coaching Education Program - Guidelines

Education and Coaching Prerequisite

Education and coaching prerequisite requirements are noted in the Coaching Education Chart. These requirements must be strictly adhered to.

Evidence of Level

Proof of coaching education level will be evidenced by a USA Hockey Coaching Education card with appropriate dated verification sticker. This card must be carried by all coaches for all USA Hockey games.

Before the start of each game and in the presence of the referee, each coach must present their card to one another for verification of coaching education level.

If a coach cannot produce their current and up to date USA Hockey Coaching Education Card prior to the start of the first period, it must be noted on the official game score sheet and signed by the opposing coach.

Prior to the start of the game, all coaches (Head and Assistant) present, from each team, are required to sign the designated area of the score sheet in order to verify the accuracy of the playing roster, as it appears on the score sheet, for that game. In addition, all coaches (Head and Assistant) must include their USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) card number, their CEP level (1–Initiation, 2-Associate, 3-Intermediate, 4-Advanced, or 5-Master) and the year their CEP level was attained. The CEP card number, level and year attained shall be printed legibly and next to the signature of each coach. Continuing Education Requirement All coaches below Level 4 (Advance) shall progress through the Coaching Education Program, attending a coaching clinic at least once every three years through Level 3 (Intermediate). After a coach has completed Level 3 (Intermediate), the coach shall do one of the following: attend another Level 3 (Intermediate) clinic within three years, take a USA Hockey Continuing Education Course within three years or attend a Level 4 (Advance) clinic as per the Coaching Education Program Requirement chart. Once Level 4 (Advance) is achieved, there is no further requirement for recertification.

If a coach's accreditation was received more than 3 years from the current calendar year, the card is rendered invalid/expired below Level 4 (Advance) and a refresher course at the same level or attending a clinic at the next level is necessary for the accreditation to remain current.

Coaching Education Program – VSAHA Guidelines

VSAHA Coaching Guidelines

1. Coaches must progress through the Coaching Education Program in the proper order of coaching level.
2. An active coach may only progress through two (2) different CEP levels in one year. An inactive coach may only progress through one (1) coaching level in one year.
3. All USA Hockey registered coaches (head & assistant) will meet the standardized requirements set forth in the CEP guidelines. Participation in State Tournament Play WILL NOT be allowed without proper certification. Coaches must be able to display an up to date CEP card upon demand by State or Tournament Officials.
4. Each VSAHA registered team will have a Head Coach. This will be an individual who is registered with the team and is actively involved with its day to day operation.

Coaching Certification Guidelines for State Tournament

All coaches must present their coaching card to a Tournament Official prior to the start of their team's first game.

No coach will be allowed on the bench during any State Tournament game unless they can present proof of certification. Proof of certification will be evidenced by a USA Hockey Coaching Card issued in 2005 or later. Those officials who may administer this rule include State Officials, Tournament Officials, and/or Game Officials.

Failure to comply will result in game forfeiture. No exceptions.

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USA HOCKEY OFFICIATING PROGRAM

Certification Process--Every USA Hockey official is required to attend a yearly seminar and pass a yearly exam in order to be certified at any level. There are 4 levels of certification. New officials begin at Level 1 and progress from there. There are no age requirements to be a USA Hockey official and a growing number of youth hockey players are also officials. Each level attained allows an official to referee at a different age level as follows:

Boys'/Men

Level 1	10 and under
Level 2	12 and under
Level 3	16 and under
Level 4	all age levels

Girls'/Women

Level 1	10 and under
Level 2	12 and under
Level 3	15 and under
Level 4	all age levels

Seminars-- This year, Vermont will hold 3 seminars. Any official regardless of level, with the exception of Level 4, can attend each of these. Those officials wishing to be certified at Level 4 must attend a Regional Seminar. Information on that is available at the New England officials' website. This year's seminars in Vermont:

- **Sunday, Sept 27 at St. Michael's College with ice at Essex High School**
- **Saturday, Oct 17 at Woodstock High School and Union Arena**
- **Sunday, Nov 1 at Rutland High School with ice at Rutland Regional Fieldhouse**

Each seminar will start with registration at 8am. There will be approximately 5 hours of classroom instruction and 90 minutes of ice time. Seminars last until about 4pm. You must attend the entire seminar. There is a \$15 fee for the seminar payable that day. Each official is required to be in full officiating uniform except new officials. New officials should have skates, helmet and whistle. New officials will receive all necessary forms and manuals at the seminar. Returning officials receive their material in the mail directly from USA Hockey's National office.

Systems-- The most common officiating system used in Vermont is the 2-man system in which both officials may call penalties. The 3-man system, which consists of two linesmen and one referee, is used at times in State and Regional Tournaments, and in all National Tournaments. In this system, only the referee may call penalties.

Penalties— Two situations which always call for a penalty at any age level are those infractions which have a potential for injury to a player, and those which take away a scoring opportunity. At the youth hockey level, where education is a primary consideration, impeding infractions, any misuse of the stick, and any inappropriate behavior or language are also points of emphasis, and will generally be penalized. There are 5 basic types of penalties:

Minor-- assessed on a player/coach where that player's/coach's team is shorthanded as a result. If the shorthanded team is scored on as a result of the penalty, the penalty is terminated.

Major—assessed on a player. The team is shorthanded for a longer period of time than a minor (usually three or five minutes, depending on the level). Also if a goal is scored as a result of a major penalty, the penalty is not terminated. The other team may score an unlimited number of goals and the entire length of the penalty must be served.

Misconduct—assessed on a player. This does not make the player's team shorthanded. A substitute for the penalized player is allowed on the ice. Player serves the entire penalty and may return only after the first stoppage after the penalty terminates.

Game Misconduct-- assessed on a player or coach. Immediate removal from game and suspension from the next game as well. Depending on the infraction, team may also be shorthanded as a result.

Match Penalty-- The most serious of all penalties. Assessed on a player or coach. Immediate removal from game. Player/coach may also not participate in any practice, game, or have anything to do with the team until a proper hearing is held. If no hearing is held within 30 days, automatic reinstatement.

Discipline Procedures-- The proper procedures to follow when a player/coach has been assessed a game misconduct or match penalty are outlined in the section in the First Vice-President portion of this Guide. Referee-in-Chief should be notified immediately. Player/coach is suspended immediately.

Check out the officials website:

www.nedistrictric.org

AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

From time to time, the VSAHA has had to become involved when teams have been pulled off the ice during a game, and/or refused to play. Most of the time this involves a coach making the decision to pull the team, but in other cases, local association officials have also been involved. This results in the game ending because one team refuses to continue. Each time, during the hearing process, the coach/association president has defended this as “looking out for the safety of the players”. Please be aware that anytime a team is removed from a game, a match penalty is automatically assessed to the person responsible for the decision. This means the coach or person making the decision will be automatically suspended from all games and practices of that team until a hearing is held. The only legitimate time a game can end before time runs out is if there is a physical problem with rink conditions, i.e., the ice melts or the lights go out or a gate will not close safely, etc or if one team has been reduced to fewer than the minimum number of players (4) either by penalties or other reason. In the case of a team not being able to put 4 players on the ice, that team shall immediately forfeit the game, and the game will end.

In the case of a game that has become so rough that a coach has sincere concerns about his/her players' safety, running time can be used, but players must remain on the ice, choosing, if they desire, not to become involved in any physical play.

Pulling a team off the ice is a very serious matter and always will result in a suspension of some length of time.

DISCIPLINE

USA Hockey Rule 405, Match Penalties, states that a player or Team Official incurring a "Match" penalty shall be suspended from participating in any USA Hockey games and practices until his/her case has been dealt with by the proper authorities. A mandatory hearing by the proper authorities shall be held and a decision made relative to any further disciplinary action within 30 days of the incident. If extenuating circumstances prevent the proper authorities from conducting the mandatory hearing, the player or Team Official shall be automatically reinstated after 30 days.

The State Rules Committee is responsible for overseeing the required mandatory hearing called for in USA Hockey Rule 405. VSAHA requires the Affiliate Associations be responsible for holding the mandatory hearings. The State Rules Committee only becomes involved when it appears that the Affiliate Associations may not be handling disciplinary matters appropriately.

When a match penalty is assessed, the on-ice official is instructed to report the match penalty and all surrounding circumstances to the Referee in Chief who will then notify the Chair of the State Rules Committee. The Affiliate Association is also required to notify the Chair of the State Rules Committee of the match penalty immediately. The State Rules Committee Chair will monitor the situation to ensure the Affiliate Association conducts the required hearing and files a written report of the hearings results to the State Rules Committee.

If the State Rules Committee, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, determines that the Affiliate Association hearing was conducted improperly, or that the dispensation was not appropriate, it then may request a re-hearing or conduct its own hearing. During this time the player or Team Official incurring the match penalty will remain suspended until a satisfactory hearing is held and final dispensation is rendered in writing by the State Rules Committee. There will be no exception to this clause.

The State Rules Committee will act as swiftly as possible in this process. Each Affiliate Association must bear in that the information about the match penalty needs to be communicated and facts must be gathered from all parties and this process is allowed 30 day.

VSAHA is committed to stopping any and all activities that lead to match penalties. With this in mind, the State Rules Committee will require the Affiliate Association to impose a minimum of a two-week suspension on a player or a Team Official incurring a match penalty. In the case of a coach or Team Official incurring a suspension, he/she can have absolutely no contact with the team during the remainder of the game from which they were ejected and from any future games and or practices until the mandatory hearing is held and any further disciplinary action is fulfilled. If a player is assessed a match penalty, he/she cannot return to that game or play in any future games and or participate in any practice, until the mandatory hearing is held and further disciplinary action is fulfilled. In addition, if a coach or Team Official chooses to ignore the ejection or suspension for the coach, player, or Team Official, the VSAHA Executive Committee will insist that the individual be suspended from coaching for the balance of the hockey season.

VERMONT STATE AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC. VERMONT STATE
POLICIES
SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY

In accordance with USA Hockey policy, it is the policy of VSAHA that there shall be no sexual abuse of any minor participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs, its training camps, hockey clinics, referee clinics, Regional and National Tournaments or other USA Hockey events by an employee, volunteer, or independent contractor. Sexual abuse of a minor participant occurs when an employee, volunteer or independent contractor touches a minor participant for the purpose of causing the sexual arousal or gratification of either the minor participant or the employee, volunteer or independent contractor. Sexual abuse of a minor participant also occurs when a minor player touches an employee volunteer or independent contractor for the sexual arousal or sexual gratification of either the minor participant or the employee, volunteer or independent contractor, if the touching occurs at the request or with the consent of the employee, volunteer or independent contractor.

Neither consent of the player to the sexual contact, mistake as to the participant's age, nor the fact that the sexual contact did not take place at a hockey function are defenses to a complaint of sexual abuse. Upon proof of violation of this policy, the violator will be permanently banned or suspended from Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association, Inc., its sanctioned programs and/or the programs of its affiliate associations.

SCREENING POLICY

It is the policy of Vermont State Amateur Hockey that it will not authorize or sanction in its programs that it directly controls any volunteer or employee who has routine access to children (anyone under the age of majority) who refuses to consent to be screened by Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association (VSAHA) before he/she is allowed to have routine access to children in VSAHA programs. Further, it is the policy of VSAHA that it will require its affiliates to adopt this policy as a condition of its affiliation with VSAHA.

A person may be disqualified and prohibited from serving as an employee or volunteer of VSAHA if the person has:

1. Been convicted or plead "no contest" to a crime of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, physical abuse, causing a child's death, neglect of a child, murder, manslaughter, felony assault, any assault against a minor, kidnapping, arson, criminal sexual conduct, prostitution related crimes or controlled substance crimes;
2. Been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children;
3. Been subject to any court order involving any sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor, including but not limited to a domestic order of protection;
4. Had their parental rights terminated;
5. A history with another organization (volunteer, employment, etc.) of complaints of sexual or physical abuse of minors;
6. Resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position, whether paid or unpaid, due to complaint(s) of sexual or physical abuse of minors; or
7. Has a history of other behavior that indicates they may be a danger to children in VSAHA

PHYSICAL ABUSE POLICY

It is the policy of Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association (VSAHA) that there shall be no physical abuse of any participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs, its training camps, hockey clinics, coaches clinics, referee clinics, Regional and National Tournaments or other VSAHA events by an employee, volunteer or independent contractor. Physical abuse means physical contact with a participant that intentionally causes the participant to sustain bodily harm or personal injury. Physical abuse also includes physical contact with a participant that intentionally creates a threat of immediate bodily harm or personal injury.

Physical abuse does not include physical contact that is reasonably designed to coach, teach or demonstrate a hockey skill. Permitted physical conduct may include, but is not necessarily limited to, shooting pucks at a goaltender, demonstrating checking and other hockey skills, and communicating with or directing participants, during the course of a game or practice, by touching them in a non-threatening, non sexual manner.

Reporting Policy

The following Vermont Statute applies to all Local Associations and the VSAHA itself.

Title 33, Vermont Statutes Annotated ss. 4913. Suspected child abuse and neglect; remedial action.

(a) Any physician, surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor, or physician's assistant licensed, certified, or registered under the provisions of Title 26, any resident physician, intern, or any hospital administrator in any public hospital in this state, whether or not so registered, and any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical examiner, dentist, psychologist, any worker, school principal, school guidance counselor, mental health professional, social worker, probation officer, police officer, **camp owner, camp administrator, camp counselor**, or member of the clergy who has reasonable cause to believe that any child has been abused or neglected shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with the provisions of section 4914 of this title within 24 hours. **As used in this subsection, "camp" includes any residential or nonresidential recreational program.**

ss. 4912. Definitions.

(1) "Child" means any individual under the age of majority.

(2) An "abused or neglected child" means a child whose physical health, psychological growth and development or welfare is harmed or is a substantial risk of harm by the acts or omissions of his or her parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare. An "abused or neglected child" also means a child who is sexually abused or at a substantial risk of sexual abuse by any person.

ss. 4914. Nature and content of report; to whom made.

A report shall be made orally or in writing to the commissioner of social and rehabilitation services or designee. (Note: reports of suspected abuse should be made to the local office of the Department of Children and Families.)

Implementation of VSAHA's Coach's Screening Policy

In accordance with USA Hockey Policy, VSAHA has adopted both a Sexual Abuse and a Physical Abuse Policy. Both policies are set forth in this Annual Guide. To aide in these policies, a Coach's screening program shall be implemented according to the guidelines and procedures set forth below. **Screening forms for all coaches must be submitted with each team roster. The roster will not be accepted or approved by the Registrar unless all screening forms are submitted.**

1. Any person who will be coaching for a Local Association must complete a VSAHA Coach's Application before coaching. The applicant must be made aware by the local that a criminal background check will be done on him/her. To determine if the applicant is eligible to coach, the local association will review the completed VSAHA application. Any yes answers in questions 1 through 7 may make an individual ineligible to coach.
2. If there is a "yes" answer in questions 1-7, and the situation that generated a yes answer involved physical or sexual abuse to a minor, no matter the time period since the incident, indefinite ineligibility is automatic. Except in connection with questions 6 and 7, if the situation that generated a yes answer happened in the last 10 years, and is other than above, then the applicant is ineligible. After 10 years, individual consideration should be given, depending on the particular circumstances. Waiver will be considered by the Executive Committee and, with the applicant's approval, the Local Association.
3. A yes answer to question 7, (a conviction for DUI,) would not make an applicant ineligible to coach. However, it is strongly recommended by VSAHA that the local association limit or prohibit this individual's activities in regards to driving athletes to and from practices, games, etc. A yes answer to question 6, (a drug-related conviction,) will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
4. Upon successful completion and acceptance of the application by the Local Association, the individual will be required to sign a VCIC Release Form to obtain a criminal record check. At the time the release form is signed it will be witnessed and notarized by a notary as required by State law. The Local Association should send the completed release forms to the State Registrar with each team roster. Copies of VSAHA Coach's Applications with "yes" answers should also be sent to the State Registrar with the release form.
5. The First Vice President or his/her designee will process the signed release forms according to State of Vermont guidelines. The signed release forms will be logged and forwarded to the Vermont Criminal Information Center. The results of the record checks will be returned to the First Vice President or his/her designee. If the First Vice President believes that there is a question about whether a particular criminal record should disqualify an individual from coaching, -- e.g., if the applicant has a conviction for driving under the influence or possession of marijuana -- he/she can share the record check with the Executive Committee and may ask the Executive Committee for a recommendation.
6. Upon receipt of a negative record check the First Vice President will notify the Local Association of the applicant's ineligibility. Ineligibility will only be reported if a record of violation of the nature indicated in the questions of the VSAHA Coach's Application is reported. The particular infraction that caused ineligibility will not be reported to the Local Association by the designated third party, unless the applicant gives written permission to do so. The Local Association will simply be told that based on the information received,

their applicant is ineligible to coach for a VSAHA organization. An applicant with a negative result will be notified directly, in writing as to the infraction that was reported by the State (Note: Infractions that have no relation with the nature of the concerns of this process will not be reported to any person or entity. However, the applicant will be notified of the report to give him/her the opportunity to appeal as referenced in paragraph 7.)

7. If the applicant does not agree with the report of the Vermont Criminal Record check, he/she is entitled to appeal to the Vermont Criminal Information Center for verification /correction of the information. If the original record check proves to be incorrect and there is no disqualifying information, then the individual would be allowed to coach. If it is correct then the decision will stand.
8. If the information is correct and the coaching candidate wants to seek a waiver, he/she can do so by appealing to the First Vice President in writing.
9. If a waiver is requested, the First Vice President will form a committee comprised of at least 3 of the following 5 officers of VSAHA: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Coaching Director, or the Referee in Chief. The Local president (or designee of the Local president) of the Association from which the applicant is affiliated with will also sit on this committee. The First Vice President will be chairperson of the Committee. Because of the appeal the candidate should understand that these individuals are "properly designated" as defined by the Vermont Criminal Information Center. In that capacity they will have the right to the information regarding the actual conviction and any other background information regarding that conviction that is publicly available. In addition, if the Committee feels it is necessary, they can ask for an additional volunteer from the legal community to be on the Committee. The Committee will set a date as soon as possible and hold a hearing to listen to the arguments of the applicant coach. The applicant will be allowed to present their case as to why he/she should be allowed to coach, present character witnesses, and present other information they think is important. After all the information has been presented the Committee will meet in private to determine their decision. The majority will rule. Within 72 hours of the hearing the Committee will notify the applicant, in writing, as to their decision. No further appeals will be allowed after the Committee's findings.
10. For purposes of clarification, only the following persons shall be permitted to read or review a report of criminal conviction(s) from VCIC:
 - The First Vice President and/or his/her designee
 - The Executive Committee if the First Vice President believes that such a consultation is required
 - The President of the applicant's Local Association and such other officers of the Local Association as applicant designates in writing
 - The Committee identified in #9, above, if the applicant appeals to the VSAHA as permitted herein.

VSAHA COACHES APPLICATION: '09-'10

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Local Association: _____

1. Have you ever been convicted or plead "no contest" to a crime of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, physical abuse, causing a child's death, neglect of a child, murder, manslaughter, felony assault, any assault against a minor, kidnapping, arson, criminal sexual conduct, prostitution related crimes. (PLEASE NOTE: In the State of Vermont, Domestic Assault or related convictions could involve a minor. While in most cases it involves another adult we have no way of knowing that, if a conviction of this type shows up on your background check. While you do not have to make your local organization aware of this type of infraction if it did not involve a minor, it will show on your background check and you will be contacted by VAHA's lawyer and are expected to cooperate with him so that VSAHA can be sure it did not involve a minor.)
 Yes No
2. Have you ever been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children?
 Yes No
3. Have you ever been subject to any court order involving any sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor, including but not limited to domestic order or protection or have you had your parental rights terminated?
 Yes No
4. Have you ever resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position, whether paid or unpaid, due to complaint(s) of sexual or physical abuse of minors?
 Yes No
5. Have you ever had a history of other behavior that indicates you may be a danger to children in VSAHA?
 Yes No
6. Have you ever been convicted or plead "no contest" to a crime or crimes involving any controlled substances including marijuana?
 Yes No
7. Have you been convicted of or plead No Contest to DWI or DUI or had your driver's license suspended or revoked in the last 5 years.
 Yes No
8. Do you have a child or step-child on the team you will be coaching?
 Yes No
9. Have you lived in the State of Vermont for less than 10 years?
 Yes No If "yes,"
please list all the states in which you have resided for the last 15 years
_____.

Coaching position applying for: Head Coach _____ Assistant Coach: _____

Age Group(s)- check all that apply: Young Blades _____ House Mite _____ Mite _____
Squirt _____ Peewee _____ Bantam _____ Midget _____ Girls _____

If you are not selected as Head Coach would you be willing to be an assistant: **Yes / No**

Do you have a USA Hockey Certification Card? **Yes / No**

If yes, what is the CEP # _____ and the certification level achieved _____?

Applicant's Signature _____

VERMONT CRIMINAL INFORMATION CENTER
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS PROGRAM

VERMONT RELEASE FORM: 2007-2008

Qualified Entity	Vermont State Amateur Hockey Assn (VSAHA); #00537VP		
Applicant	Last	First	Middle
Maiden or Alias Names			
Social Security	- -		
Place of Birth	City/Town	State	Country
Date of Birth	Month	Day	Year
Applicant's	Include Area Code and		
RELEASE			
Signature of Applicant		Date	
Identity verified by:		Date	
NOTARY			
Printed Name of Notary		Notary Signature	
Commission Number		Commission Expires	

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