

**Please read completely, sign at the bottom and return with coaching application.**

As the season is approaching, I would like to take the opportunity to make sure that we are all on the same page regarding North Stars policies and coaching requirements.

### **USA Coaching Certifications - 2010/2011 Season**

Coaching clinics and dates will be posted on the RIAHA site. The North Stars will reimburse **rostered** coaches for certifications up to level 3. Coaches must attain the required certification level by Dec. 31. Coaches must register for clinics through the USA Hockey website.

The required levels are as follows:

Mites	Level 1	Midgets	Level 3 - Level 4 National Tournaments
Squirts	Level 2	Girls U16	Level 3
Peewees	Level 3	Girls U19	Level 3
Bantams	Level 3		

Levels 1 -3 with an 07/08 or earlier sticker must be recertified. Level 4 does not require recertification

### **Practice Rules**

Teams are allowed four coaches on ice for practice. You may have an additional coach as long as he is dedicated to assisting the goaltenders.

Any non-rostered coach must be approved by Mike Clarey or Bob Larence and must sign a waiver before stepping on the ice. Non-rostered coaches should only assist when one of the rostered coaches is unable to attend practice. Non-rostered coaches should not be allowed on the bench. The North Stars will not reimburse USA Hockey registration fees for non-rostered coaches.

Non-rostered players are not allowed on the ice during practice with the exception of an additional goaltender for a team that has only one. This exception should only be used for full ice practices and the goaltender must be from the same age group or older.

Junior coaches must be approved by Mike Clarey or Bob Larence. These coaches must fall in line with the USA Hockey Junior Coach requirements (see USA Hockey Website). The junior coach must be at least one age group above the team's classification. The North Stars require junior coaches to wear full equipment. Under no circumstance should a younger player participate in practice with an older group.

**\*\*\*Players are not allowed on the ice without a coach.\*\*\***

### **Locker Rooms**

**A coach must be present with the team at all times. If the coach has not arrived or must leave, a parent must monitor the locker room.**

Other than as mentioned above, parents should not be in the locker room (squirts and up) or on the bench.

### **Equipment**

All players must wear a neck guard and mouth guard for practices and games.

For games, all players Bantam and below must wear blue (preferably royal) pants. Mites, Squirts and Peewees must also have white helmets.

The enforcement of these policies is the responsibility of the Coach and his assistants. Many of these policies relate to safety of the children and must be strictly adhered to. Thank you for your efforts and have a great season.

Mike Clarey  
Hockey Director

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