



BETHLEHEM BLAST® Youth Hockey

Coaching Application - New Coaches

2008-2009



We need to begin planning for the upcoming season! The first crucial piece of information is to start recruiting those vital people who will coach and manage our players. *Please understand that no position is automatic*. All applications will receive equal consideration based on their own merit and the results of the selection process. We therefore ask that you complete both the primary and secondary choice sections. All applications are subject to criminal background checks.

The BETHLEHEM BLAST® Youth Hockey Organization works hard to ensure a positive hockey experience for all players by providing the best staff possible to meet the needs of today's athletes.

All sections & items must be completed to be considered

Name:	Address:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email:	Fax:	

Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YYYY)

Level interested in coaching? (please check one box)

Mite
 Squirt
 PeeWee
 Bantam
 Midget
 Girls

What is your second choice? (please check one box)

Mite
 Squirt
 PeeWee
 Bantam
 Midget
 Girls

Which position are you applying for?

Head Coach:
 Assistant Coach:

Note: The head coach of each team selects assistant coaches. Assistant coaches need to be approved by the BETHLEHEM BLAST® Board.

Have you attended a USA Hockey Coaching Clinic? (please check one)

Yes
 No

If yes, please complete the following:

USA Hockey Coaching Certification Level	Date Achieved	ID Number	Expiration Date

Are you willing to attend a USA Hockey Coaching Clinic in the fall of 2008 if required? (please check one)

Yes
 No

Please list any previous playing/coaching experience:

Are you willing to work with and take direction from the Vice President/Director of Hockey Operations, Head of Coaches and ACE Coordinator? (please check one)

Yes No

Are you willing to attend required periodic coaching meetings? (please check one)

Yes No

Are you willing to accept the Bethlehem Blast® Youth Hockey policies as stated in our by-laws? (please check one)

Yes No

Briefly describe your coaching philosophy:

IMPORTANT: Please attach two offensive and defensive zone practice plans with your application. Also include a practice plan to demonstrate a transition game through the neutral zone. (Sheets available on the BETHLEHEM BLAST® web site: www.bethlehemblast.org)

References:

Please provide 2 (two) hockey-related coaching references who can be contacted by either the Head of Coaches or ACE Coordinator:

1. Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____
 Relationship to applicant: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____
 Relationship to applicant: _____

Personal Evaluation: Please take a moment to tell us how you coach and where you excel, as well as those areas where you would like to improve. Read each statement; select the word that best describes you.

Note: some items reprinted from USA Hockey

As a leader I...	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement
1. Establish Goals			
2. Use a democratic coaching style			
3. Am a good role model			
4. Develop leadership skills in my athletes			
5. Have a positive relationship with referees			
6. Interact effectively with parents			
7. Help athletes maximize their potential			
8. Am able to handle losses and react appropriately with young athletes			
9. Am able to seek the appropriate resources, i.e. ask for help			

As a Teacher I...	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement
1. Teach the necessary hockey skills			
2. Teach the skills using the proper sequence and progressions			
3. Teach the skills using understandable language			
4. Realize athletes differ in their readiness to learn a skill			
5. Realize athletes learn skills at different rates			
6. Teach more than just hockey skills			
7. Am able to see each player as an individual and interact appropriately			

As an Organizer I...	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement
1. Plan effective practices			
2. Select very good assistant coaches			
3. Have parents assist in the program			
4. Attend to the details			
5. Communicate effectively			

Based on the above skills evaluation, please explain your greatest strength and why:
(attach additional page if needed)

Based on the above skills evaluation, please explain your greatest opportunity and why:
(attach additional page if needed)

Please explain your greatest frustration as a coach and what you did to overcome it:
(attach additional page if needed)

Additional comments: (attach additional page if needed)

Background information:

Have you ever been convicted, pleaded guilty to or pleaded no contest to a crime in the last 7 years, other than a misdemeanor traffic violation? If yes, please list:

Conviction of a crime does not automatically disqualify you from a coaching position.

I understand that being certified at an appropriate level as defined by USA Hockey is a pre-requisite for coaching for the BETHLEHEM BLAST® and I will fulfill this obligation. I agree to abide by all rules, policies and procedures set forth by Thunder Youth Hockey, Inc. (dba BETHLEHEM BLAST®), Delaware Valley Hockey League, Atlantic District, and USA Hockey, Inc. as well as applicable ethics codes. I agree to allow the BETHLEHEM BLAST® to perform a background check regarding criminal history. All information obtained will be kept confidential.

Applicant Signature:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application.

All 2008-09 coaching applications are due back to the BETHLEHEM BLAST® by February 20, 2008.

Please return completed application as soon as possible to:

**Tom Ashley
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