

River East Minor Hockey Association (REMHA) Coach Selection Process

The following document provides a high level overview of the REMHA coach selection process for all Royals and Eagles teams. This process is documented for transparency, and to address the most common questions received on the topic.

How to Express Interest in Coaching

Your first opportunity to express interest in coaching happens during the registration process. You will have an opportunity to answer whether you would like to be a head coach or assistant coach when registering your child for the season.

If you don't have a child playing hockey but would like to coach, please contact the VP of the respective age group to express your interest. If you are unsure which age you would like to coach, please contact the Development Director to discuss further.

All potential candidates will need to fill out a coaching application and complete a criminal records check and child abuse registry to be considered. More information about the application process can be found under the Coaching Resources section of the REMHA website. <REMHA Covers the costs>

Timing and Order of Events

It is the responsibility of the VP of their respective age group to select head coaches for each team they oversee. Expressing your interest to coach has no bearing on your child's placement in the evaluation process. Players will not be moved up or down in the rankings to create coaching opportunities.

All players and goalies are evaluated by independent evaluators and are ranked in accordance with the REMHA Evaluations procedures. For more information on how Evaluations and Team Formation works, please see the tryout pages on the REMHA website.

Upon completion of tryouts, head coaches will be selected in short order, prior to team formation. When parent coaches are involved, only coach candidates with children in guaranteed selection spots will be considered for head coaches at the level being drafted.

The VP of their respective age group will select head coaches for the top level first. Drafts will be conducted from the A1 to A5 levels in order. As drafts progress, players chosen from the "Eligible for Player Selection" group may impact which coach candidates are available. The VPs of their respective age group may have discussions with more candidates than needed during tryouts, strictly to be prepared for different outcomes during the team formation process. Turnaround time will be very short when finalizing coach selections, so please ensure you return any messages from the REMHA board in a timely manner.

VPs will select their head coaches based on your coaching application, community feedback, previous coach surveys (if available), and an interview process if they deem it necessary.

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Head coaches are free to select their assistant coaches, given the potential coaches have the required certifications, pass their child abuse registry and criminal records checks, and are deemed eligible to coach by the REMHA Board of Directors.