

Jeff Franzese

My Name is Jeff Franzese and I am completing my first year on the Board of Directors (BOD) for IYHA. In the last 6 years I have been a part of IYHA as an assistant coach (4 years), head coach (1 year), BOD for this year, and served as the VP of the Mite program this year. I have taken the commitment of running the Mite program for five years, to help bring consistency to a program that fluctuated a tremendous amount from year to year. This year I have also learned how organize tournaments and have coordinated the ECAC Tournament coming up, and currently serving as the Tournament Director for the Mite St Patrick's Day Tournament at the Rink. I have learned a tremendous amount about the game and how it all works behind the scenes. It has been a true education to find out how complicated and intricate it is for an association of our type to function. I have enjoyed my time enough to want to stay and continue to contribute in positive ways. It has been a pleasure to work with the current board, the parents, and the kids, who are so great it motivates me to want to continue as long as the families will allow. This last year got off to a challenging start, and with the complexities of our organization it will be a true challenge to continue to provide a quality hockey experience for our youth, while providing affordable ice to our families. I would like to put the institutional knowledge gained to work and continue to find ways to grow the sport. To be successful our association must find and maintain balance between the experience of playing hockey and the cost of the experience. When that becomes out of balance fewer and fewer kids and their families can enjoy the game. I wish to be re-elected so I can help find and maintain that balance. This is a sport that can be played from 3 years old to 73 years old and my goal is to make this game accessible to every child that want to play.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this year, and I hope to be able to continue.

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