

This Representative Team Coach Appointment Policy applies to the appointment of coaches to all Hockey Illawarra representative teams across all age divisions and genders, in both field and indoor hockey, with the exception of Masters Hockey teams.

Hockey Illawarra will seek nominations for Representative Team Coaches twice a year, once for field hockey and once for indoor hockey. Appointments are for the current season and extend to all championships and events in which the team is entered.

The following eligibility criteria apply to the appointment of coaches:

1. Coaches can be appointed to a maximum of 3 teams.
2. Under 11 1st Team and all development team coaches must have current Hockey Australia Community Coaching Accreditation, or be on the process of obtaining it.
3. Under 13 and 15 1st Team coaches must have current Hockey Australia Level 1 Coaching Accreditation, or be on the process of obtaining it.
4. Under 18 1st Team and Open Team coaches must have current Hockey Australia Level 2 Coaching Accreditation, or be on the process of obtaining it.
5. Current NSW Under 21 and Open representative players are exempt from the need to have coaching accreditation at all age levels.
6. Coaches cannot be appointed to Under 13, 15 or 18 1st teams in which they have a child or sibling standing for selection, unless they hold a minimum Level 2 coaching accreditation or are members of current NSW Under 21 or Open teams.
7. For insurance purposes, coaches must be a registered member of Hockey NSW. This is not required on application, but must be completed prior to any coaching activities.

If there are insufficient applications, or if applicants are unsuitable, Hockey Illawarra can recruit coaches to fill vacancies. In filling such vacancies, Hockey Illawarra will endeavour to adhere to eligibility criteria, but this is not mandatory.

How to apply

Applications must be received, in the format specified by Hockey Illawarra, by the due date.

As there may be more applicants than positions for any one particular age group and gender, applicants are asked to list in order, starting from 1, their preferred age group and gender. This will ensure that, if unsuccessful for one team, applicants may be appointed to another team. Applicants should only number age groups and genders for which they are willing to accept an appointment.

Some applicants may wish to hold coaching positions in more than one age division and gender. If this is the case, the maximum number of teams to which an applicant wishes to be appointed should be indicated on the application.

Any questions relating to this policy should be addressed to the Representative Teams Chairperson via email at repteams@ihockey.com.au

Policy Administration

Exemptions from this policy, or alterations, must be approved by the Hockey Illawarra Board before they take effect.