

NEW ZEALAND ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION



NATIONAL TEAM STAFF APPLICATION FORM

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NATIONAL TEAM APPLIED FOR:	POSITION APPLIED FOR:
SENIOR MEN (ICE BLACKS)	HEAD COACH
SENIOR WOMEN (ICE FERNZ)	ASSISTANT COACH
U20 MENS	GENERAL MANAGER
U18 MENS	ASSISTANT MANAGER
U18 WOMENS	MEDICAL OFFICER
U16 MENS	EQUIPMENT MANAGER

DESCRIBE WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION:

I was disappointed to see the U18 Mens team struggle at the 2017 U18 world champs in March. I feel it was a momentary backward step for the NZU18 program. It highlighted the need for an ongoing development program that starts early in the regions and rises without interruption through to our highest representative level. I totally believe, with the right shared vision, combined leadership and the right player selection, New Zealand can realistically aim higher at the IIHF U18 age group.

I have been part of the New Zealand grass roots development program, on and off the ice since 2012 at U13 then the U16 level, and I feel that effectively managing the next intake of players, coaches and parents of the U18 Mens National team - is the next step in my contribution to developing New Zealands competitiveness at the international level.

I would enjoy the challenge of working with the coaches to compete at the IIHF international tournament in Queenstown with a goal of winning gold and being promoted to IIHF Div 3A – and then going on to be more than competitive in this new division in 2018, 2019, 2020.

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER TO THE TEAM:

I have been involved in coaching ice hockey teams since 2012, however, often it becomes obvious that there are enough talented coaches to train the players on the ice – however what makes a huge difference to the success of the team, is the quality, motivation and effectiveness of the management.

While I believe I have the skills, and would relish the experience of solely coaching or assisting at this national level, I believe my skills as a General Manager are where I can make the best contribution.

I do not take applying for this position lightly, as I know from previous experience that general managing is a lot more involved than coaching, however I am ready and available for this challenge.

I have coached and managed sports teams for many years and I do not stand for ‘average’ – so I set high standards for myself and my players.

I would bring this attitude and level of commitment to the U18 team and the NZIHF Team Managers role.

Regarding the Personal Attributes required for the role;

I have proven interpersonal communication skills that are crucial to providing the glue that holds a team together. After coaching and managing many ice hockey teams, and actively being involved in the national U16 training camps, I have positive existing relationships with all the players in the U18 player pool. I know many of these players respect my contribution to their development, and I respect their achievements - so I believe I can effectively help them achieve more when they represent New Zealand.

After 10.5 years of corporate life as General Manager Marketing with Shotover Jet and Ngai Tahu Tourism, working with a team of over 300 staff, I now have my own successful residential rental property business – my verbal and written communication, negotiation skills, booking keeping and attention to detail are at the appropriate level to successfully manage any project – which is what a sports team is.

Being based in Queenstown, where the IIHF tournament is to be held, I feel this gives me a great opportunity to achieve some angles on home environment advantage, and also get to know the NZIHF and IIHF systems before I travel off shore with the team the following year.

GIVE A BRIEF RESUME OF YOUR RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/QUALIFICATIONS:

<u>General Manager and Coaching Roles</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
2012 Southern U13 – Assistant Coach	Bronze/3
2013 Southern U13 – General Manager	Gold/3
2013 Adelaide International Peewee Tournament – GM and Head Coach	Bronze/8
2014 Southern U13 – Assistant Coach	Gold/3
2014 Adelaide International Peewee Tournament – GM and Head Coach	Gold/8
2015 Southern U16 – Assistant Coach	Silver/3
2015 Queenstown International Peewee Tournament – GM and Head Coach	Bronze/6
2016 Junior Stampede U17 – Joint Head Coach	Gold/4
2017 Dunedin International Midget Tournament – GM and Head Coach	Bronze/5
2017 Junior Stampede – Current Joint Head Coach	Pending
<u>NZIHF Positions</u>	
2015- 2017 U16 Development Program – Assistant Manager and Assistant Coach	
<u>NZIHF Coaching Qualifications</u>	
New Zealand Ice Hockey Coaching Certificate – Level 1	
New Zealand Ice Hockey Coaching Certificate – Level 2	
<u>Other Ice Hockey Qualifications</u>	
New Zealand Referees Certification – Level 1	
NZIHF National League Referee - current	
<u>Love For ‘THE GAME’</u>	
I currently Play, Coach, Manage and Referee Ice Hockey – it’s a passion of mine.	