



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TEAM

Job Description:	Head Coach	Date Posted:	<Date>
National Team:	<Team>	Appointment Date:	<Date>
Appointment Period:	2 Years	Extension Option:	1 Year
Position Type:	Volunteer		
Reports to:	IHA Board, Team Leader & Team Manager		
Scope			
<p>The National Team Head Coach is the technical lead for the team. They are responsible for the development and monitoring of training plans that guide players and coaches leading up to the IIHF World Championships. The National Team Head Coach is in frequent communication with Assistant Coaches and Physio Staff, as well as the Team Leader and Team Manager, on all technical and player training activities.</p>			
Purpose			
<p>To select and prepare the team physically and mentally for competition at IIHF World Championships and/or Exhibition Games and coach the team to the best possible result.</p>			
Accountabilities			
<p>The National Team Head Coach is a volunteer position accountable to IHA board, the Team Leader and Team Manager. The Head Coach works closely with the Team Manager on all team matters related to the training, preparation and competition of Team Australia players.</p>			
Responsibilities			
Pre-Championship:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participate in the Head Coach/Team Management planning session. • In cooperation with the Team Leader, Team Manager, Coaches and Team Staff develop an agenda and plan specific sessions for the National Team training camp. • Actively plan and participate in training camp. • Be familiar with the Player Agreement and the roles and responsibilities of the Team Leader, Team Manager, Assistant Coaches and Team Staff. • Develop a conditioning/training plan for players, to be implemented from the time of player selection and endorsement up to the National Team training camp. • At the National Team training camp conduct player assessments to assist with player specific training programs and required resources. • Assist Team Manager in the identification of local resources to support each player's training program, (i.e. individuals with ice hockey specific technical expertise or knowledge in the fields of fitness and strength training, nutrition and/or sport medicine). • Through the use of training logs monitor each player's training progress and revise program as required. • Complete and submit, to the Team Manager, monthly player training reports. • Communicate regularly with Assistant Coach and Team Staff on technical issues, providing guidance and assistance where needed. • Work within the lines of communication set by the Team Management. • Work with the Team Leader and Team Manager to create and maintain a cohesive team. • Communicate regularly with the Team Leader and Team Managers and immediately notify them of any inconsistencies or concerns related to players. • Read and be familiar with all IHA correspondence and information. 			



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- Act as a role model and conduct yourself within the National Team Program Code of Conduct.

During Championship:

- Read and be familiar with and execute, where required all IHA policies and procedures such as, but not limited to alcohol, bullying, hazing and harassment.
- Act as the technical lead for your respective team.
- Responsible for the safety and security of Ice Hockey Australia players.
- Ensure all player injuries, whether during practice or games are immediately reported to the Team Manager and Team medic for appropriate management of injury. (All head contact must be taken seriously and any decision by medical staff can not be over ridden)
- In cooperation with Team Management and Assistant Coaches, develop an action plan for each game during the IIHF World Championships.
- Work with the team to ensure a productive and healthy environment at all times.
- Actively participate as a member of the leadership team.
- Maintain records of player achievement/progress from Exhibition Games through to the completion of the IIHF World Championship.
- Participate in all official functions during the IIHF World Championships.
- Travel to and from the IIHF World Championships as part of the Australian National Team.
- House with the Team Australia delegation for the entire duration of the IIHF World Championships.
- Other duties as assigned by the Team Leader and Team Manager.

Qualifications:

- IHA National Coaching (minimum level 1) Certification Requirements
- Experience as a Head Coach, with extensive Ice Hockey technical knowledge, along with an understanding of the physiological and psychological demands placed on its competitors.
- Knowledge of IIHF sport specific rules
- Experience in the development and implementation of seasonal plans for players competing in a local, national, and/or international competition.
- Excellent leadership, communication, organizational and administrative skills.
- A strong understanding and fundamental belief in the mission of Ice Hockey in Australia and the goals of the National Team Program.
- Strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills.
- Demonstrated ability to both work independently and in a cooperative partnering manner in the achievement of the National Team goals.
- Ability to work in a demanding environment during IIHF World Championships.
- Willingness and availability to participate in professional development opportunities, National Team Program meetings, training camps and other functions as required.

Time Commitment (may be subject to change):

- Team Training Camp(s)
- IIHF World Championships (inclusive of travel and Camp Program)
- On-going team / planning responsibilities

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