

2020-21 Arlington Knights Hockey

Who are the Knights?

The Knights are a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) non-profit hockey club for 6th to 8th graders who live in Arlington County, Virginia. We welcome players of all skill levels and abilities. Our focus is developing a lifelong love of the game, improving skills, and having fun with your friends. The Knights play in the competitive Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League (NVSHL) and schedule exhibitions with other clubs and schools in the area.

Please check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/arlingtonknightshockey and our website at www.arlingtonknightshockey.org. The Knights provide a fun, supportive environment to play competitive middle school hockey for kids at all skill levels. We have great relationships throughout the DMV hockey world and can offer a wide-range of opportunities (at a pretty good value) that provide a balance between development, competition, and fun. Younger players will have a real opportunity to push themselves and grow as hockey players. Last year, the Knights made a real jump in being a very competitive team while still maintaining its inclusive philosophy. We are excited about building upon last year's momentum.

Leadership

David McGraw – Club President

Bill Foster – Treasurer and Scheduler

Returning Coaches – Dilip Ghate, Talbot Black, Rob Ferguson, and other well-known personalities to be named later.

All coaches and parent volunteers have current USA Hockey Numbers, Safe Sport Training, and background checks, as required by USA Hockey, PVAHA, and the NVSHL.

Coaching Requirements – Read Before you Register

We are a volunteer run organization and cannot do this without you. If you are interested in coaching, please read the requirements below and register as soon as you are able to.

Before doing so, please review the below information. You will need some of this to register. All Coaches are required to have the following to register:

BEFORE you take the ice with your team, all Head and Assistant coaches **MUST** complete the first three below requirements. If you do not complete these requirements before September 30th, 2020 you will not be permitted on the ice with your team for practice or games. Our USAH affiliate also will not allow you to be included on the official T1 roster, which means you will not be allowed to coach in any tournament or league games. Therefore, please make sure you complete these requirements as soon as possible.

- 1) Register with USA Hockey as a coach for the 2020-21 season (<https://membership.usahockey.com/>). You are required to register as a coach every season.
- 2) Complete a background screen (<http://www.pvaha.org/page/show/832798-background-screening>). Background screens are good for two seasons. If you completed a background screen during the 2019-20 season, you do not need to do so again this season.

Please direct all questions or concerns to David McGraw at coachmcgraw@arlingtonknightshockey.org or 703-403-9316

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- 3) Complete Safesport training (<http://www.usahockey.com/safesporttraining>). Safesport training must be completed annually.
- 4) ALL Coaches also are required to progress through USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program (CEP). Coaches are encouraged to complete these requirements as soon as possible; however, the USAH deadline for completing the requirements is 12/31/20.
- 5) CEP Clinics: In general, you must complete a clinic each year until you complete the Level 4 clinic. Coaches who have completed the Level 3 clinic do not necessarily have to progress to Level 4, but can take online recertification courses. Details on Clinic requirements are available here: <https://www.usahockey.com/rules> (click the tab for Requirements).
 - a. If you're not sure whether you need to complete a clinic, you can check your CEP status on the USA Hockey website here: <https://cepsearch.usahockey.com/>
 - b. To register for a clinic, follow this link: <http://www.usahockey.com/coachingclinics> and search for clinics in the Southeastern (SE) District.
If you are a Level 4 or Level 5, please enter December 31, 2030 when the registration process prompts you for an expiration date.
 - c. Online Age-Specific Modules: All coaches are required to complete an online, age-specific module for every age level they are coaching.
For Middle School Hockey, ALL Coaches must complete the Midget (U16) module. The module must be completed by 9/30/20.
If you've already completed the module for the age level you are coaching, you do not need to complete that module again, regardless of when you completed to module, whether last year or four years ago.
You can check to see what modules you have completed here: <https://cepsearch.usahockey.com/>
To register and complete a module go here: <http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/892966-age-specific-modules> If you need to complete a module, I recommend that you not procrastinate because each module can take five to eight hours to complete.

Coach Registration Process – Open

2020-21 Coach Registration will open in September. We reserve the right to close the registration process at any time.

If you are interested in joining the Knight's Coaching staff, please send me an email to discuss the possibilities. coachmcgraw@arlingtonknighthockey.org

Thank you for your interest in coaching the Knights. We look forward to hearing from you.