

## **CGHA CANDIDATE APPLICATION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**POSITION:** Mini-Mite Director

### **TERM COMMITMENT FOR THIS POSITION:**

2-year term commitment (May 2026 through April 2028 General Membership Meeting)

**NAME:** Tylor Kendle

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**What hockey experience do you possess that would be considered beneficial for this role?**

- **Mini-Mite Director** (2025–Present)
- **Played Hockey – Hastings** (1995–2009)

### **Coaching Experience**

- **Assistant Coach – Mini-Mite Green Team** (2024)
  - Helped organize and facilitate practices
- **Assistant Coach – Mini-Mite Girls Teal Team** (2026)
  - Helped organize and facilitate practices
- **Head Coach – Mini-Mite White Team** (2025)
  - Led practice planning and team communication
  - Collaborated with other head coaches
- **Head Coach – Mini-Mite Black Team** (2026)
  - Led practice planning and team communication
  - Collaborated with other head coaches
- **Head Coach – Mini-Mite Eskimo Program** (Spring & Fall 2025)
  - Directed practices and coordinated development plans

### **Future Coaching Commitments**

- Eskimos AAA (2019 Boys)
- Eskimos AAA (8U Girls Development)
- Mite T1 Boys (2026–2027)
- 5U Girls (2026–2027)

### **Additional Coaching Experience**

- Assistant Coach – C Bantam Hockey, Hastings (2011–2012)
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**What other experience, accomplishments, or skill sets do you possess that would be considered beneficial for this role?**

### **Coaching & Youth Development**

- Tee-Ball Coach
  - Wee-Tees Coach (2024, 2025)
  - Instructional League (2025–2026)
  - Traditional League (2026)

### **Martial Arts Instruction**

- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Instructor (2018–2021)
- Kids Boxing & Muay Thai Instructor (mid-2010s)

### **Certifications & Achievements**

- First Aid Certified
- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Black Belt

## **Skills**

- Organized
  - Communicative
  - Motivated
  - Creative
  - Patient
  - Positive
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## **Why have you decided to apply for this position?**

As the current Mini-Mite Director, I understand the responsibilities of the role and how important it is to the long-term success of our association. I believe this position requires someone willing to go above and beyond in recruiting and development, and I am prepared to do that while helping lay the foundation for whoever follows in the role in the future.

My passion for hockey and commitment to youth development at every level drive my desire to continue serving as Mini-Mite Director. I believe in building a program where every child is excited to come to the rink, every parent feels confident in the coaching and structure of the program, and every coach feels supported with the tools and guidance they need to succeed. I truly enjoy this role and have plans for improving our program through stronger recruiting and continued development initiatives. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue working with our young skaters, coaches, and families for another two years as we help build a lasting love for the game and strengthen the community that represents CGHA.

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## **If you had to list your priorities in order, please list 1–3 and explain why these are priorities within CGHA.**

### **1. Retention**

Ensuring every child has a positive, fun, and confidence-building experience is essential to keeping them involved in sports long term. When kids enjoy their early experiences in hockey, they are far more likely to continue playing and developing within our program.

### **2. Growth**

With the continued expansion of Cottage Grove, we have an opportunity to grow CGHA by reaching families who may not have grown up in a hockey environment. By increasing visibility and making hockey more accessible, we can introduce more kids to the sport at an earlier age and continue building our program.

### **3. Collaboration**

The strongest programs are built through shared ideas and teamwork. Over the past year, I've connected with coaches and directors from associations across the state to learn what works well and what challenges they face. I believe those relationships, along with strong internal collaboration, will help us continue improving our program.

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## **Do you know where to find the Hockey Handbook and have you taken time to become familiar with the job duties as outlined for the Registrar/Secretary position?**

Yes. I have reviewed the online handbook and understand the duties associated with this role. <https://www.cghockey.com/handbook> (Page 14)

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**There are many volunteer hours required of Board members to ensure the program operates successfully. Are you prepared to volunteer the time required for the duration of this commitment?**

Yes. I fully understand the time commitment involved and am prepared to dedicate the hours and effort required throughout the full term.

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**Please provide any additional comments for members' consideration of your candidacy.**

Creating a truly elite program starts at the Mini-Mite level, with stability and leadership committed to long-term growth. Our association has a great opportunity to continue evolving and building something our entire community can be proud of.

As new individuals step into leadership roles within our association, it will be important that we work together and welcome new ideas. I consider myself an open book and strongly value collaboration and teamwork.

I genuinely enjoy recruiting and connecting with families whose children have never played hockey before. I'm always thinking about new ways to reach potential players so they begin skating at ages 4–5 instead of realizing at a later age that they want to try the sport.

I'm also passionate about player development and being involved on the ice. This year I spent the first few weeks attending as many 4U practices as possible as new players learned to skate, and I coached our 4U girls and 5U boys throughout the season. Through that experience, I've gained valuable insight into what it takes to help first-time skaters build confidence and skills while keeping the experience fun and engaging. As well as keep practice engaging and challenging for the more experienced skaters.

Moving forward, I plan to remain actively involved in practices and work closely with our internal development group to create a clear process that sets our coaches up for success from the beginning of the season.

We have a great association and a strong community. I'm committed to helping keep our hockey program a tight-knit group that continues to grow and something we can all be proud to be part of.

Thank you for your consideration.