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Academy Skills Coach Assistant National Bound Director

Palatine, Illinois • Full-Time

Position Overview

This is a unique opportunity for an aspiring high-level coach to work directly alongside the National Bound Director in one of the Midwest's premier AAA hockey development programs. The successful candidate will play a significant role in the daily development of our 16U and 18U National Bound teams while helping prepare players for advancement to junior, collegiate, and professional hockey. This position offers a clear pathway toward becoming a **National Bound Head Coach during the 2027–2028 season.**

Primary Responsibilities

On-Ice Development

- Lead Academy skills sessions focused on skating, puck skills, hockey IQ, shooting and small-area games.
- Assist with daily practices for the 16U & 18U National Bound teams.
- Teach team systems, structure and game concepts.
- Design and implement individual and team development plans.

Video & Player Development

- Lead individual and team video sessions.
- Break down game film and provide player feedback.
- Monitor player progression throughout the season.

Game Day

- Assist behind the bench and run the bench when assigned.
- Support game preparation, pre-scouting and in-game adjustments.

Recruiting & Advancement

- Support Academy and team recruiting.
- Identify prospective players and assist with player advancement to junior, collegiate and professional hockey.

Qualifications

Required

- Previous coaching experience at the AAA, Junior, College or Professional level (playing experience considered).
- Strong understanding of modern player development.
- Ability to teach skills, systems and hockey IQ.
- Excellent communication and leadership skills.
- Experience with video analysis.
- Strong organizational skills and willingness to travel.

Preferred

- Junior, collegiate or professional playing experience.
- USA Hockey Coaching Certification (or ability to obtain).
- Recruiting or scouting experience.

Ideal Candidate

Passionate about developing elite hockey players, detail-oriented, highly organized, an exceptional teacher, collaborative, and motivated to grow into a leadership role within the organization.

Compensation

Compensation is competitive and commensurate with experience for the ideal candidate. Windy City Storm is committed to investing in exceptional coaches who demonstrate leadership, professionalism, and a passion for player development.

Apply Today

Submit your resume, coaching philosophy, and three professional references to kshand@stormhockey.com.

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