

South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association Hall of Fame Committee
PO Box 1683
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Dear Hall of Fame Committee Members,

I am writing to nominate Adam Sullivan for induction into the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association Hall of Fame. Adam's extensive involvement in hockey, especially in coaching, refereeing, and mentorship, makes him a highly deserving candidate for this honor.

Adam's unwavering commitment to hockey was evident from the beginning of his career. While pursuing an engineering degree, a field that demands intense focus, Adam's passion for hockey remained a top priority. He took the initiative to enroll in classes and obtain a coaching certificate from the University of Minnesota Duluth. Moreover, while a busy college student, he also made time to coach the youth in Duluth for two years. This dedication was further exemplified when he accepted his first job and requested a flexible schedule to allow him to coach hockey in Watertown. Such early and continued dedication set the foundation for his impactful contributions to the sport.

As a coach with the Watertown Hockey Association from 1995 to 2021, Adam's tenure was marked by significant achievements, including two Varsity State Championships and being named South Dakota State Coach of the Year. His role in coaching at various levels, from Mites to Bantams, and his involvement with Solar Bear Hockey and Team South Dakota, have been pivotal in developing young hockey talent in our state.

In his capacity as a referee, Adam has been equally influential. Since becoming a Certified Referee in 2009 and advancing to a Level 3 referee, he has not only maintained high standards in officiating but also played a crucial role in mentoring the next generation of referees. His mentorship through the Watertown Hockey Association is instrumental in sustaining a robust pipeline of skilled officials, essential for the sport's ongoing success.

Adam's leadership extends to administrative roles, including as Vice President of the Watertown Hockey Association and the critical community member of the New Rink Design Committee where he brought his attention to detail and desire for the best drove the committee. His involvement in organizing community-engaging fundraisers like the Terry Redlin event and the Watertown Laker Golf Tournament underscores his

commitment to the broader hockey community. He has served the local association through his service for decades on the coaching function and iterations of the coaching committee. Now serving as Vice-President he continues his commitment to improving the coaching provided to the youth.

In summary, Adam Sullivan's deep-rooted dedication to hockey, evident from his college years and his first professional role, highlights his passion, leadership, and commitment to the sport. Inducting him into the South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association Hall of Fame would aptly recognize his outstanding service and enduring impact on the hockey community.

Thank you for considering my nomination of Adam Sullivan for this prestigious honor. I am available to provide further information or insights regarding Adam's contributions and qualifications.

Sincerely,

Robert Marquardt
Former Watertown Hockey Association President

Adam Sullivan Hockey Vitae

Coaching:

Duluth Hockey Association – 1992-1995

Watertown Hockey Association – 1995-2021

2 Varsity State Championships

SD State Coach of the Year

Varsity – 15 years

Mites – Bantams – 11 years

Solar Bear Hockey – 5 years

Team SD – as needed to fill in for absences

Referee:

Certified Ref – 2009 - current

Currently level 3

Girls Varsity State Tourney Ref Selection

Referee Coordinator for WHA – 5 years

Referee Mentor for WHA –14 years

Other:

Minor Degree in Athletic Coaching

Player for Crookston, MN Hockey Team

Coaching Committee for WHA – 10 years

Vice President of Watertown Hockey Association - 2023- current

New Rink Design Committee – approximately 10 years

SD Development Camp Evaluator - 2 years

Try hockey For Free Co-Chair - 3 years

WHA Initiation Hockey On Ice Director - 3 years

Watertown Laker Golf Tourney Creator and Director - 10 years

Watertown Terry Redlin Concert Fundraiser Director- 8 years