



## **HEAD COACH – BONNYVILLE JUNIOR “A” PONTIACS**

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The Bonnyville Junior “A” Pontiacs are a member of the Alberta Junior Hockey League entering their 31<sup>st</sup> season. The Pontiacs have a rich history in developing players that move on to the NCAA. The organization is seeking to fill the role of Head Coach for the 2022 -2023 season and beyond.

### **Responsibilities**

- Maintaining and enhancing the culture of the “Bonnyville Pontiacs” in the community of Bonnyville and in the hockey world
- Be a strong presence in the community and a role model to younger players and coaches in the region
- Work in partnership with hockey operations to maintain the alignment and goals of the program in both a short term and long - term view
- Create and implement practice plans in communication with the other coaching staff to enhance players development and creativity
- Have a developmental based approach to teaching and communicating with the players
- Implement and execute a style of play based on the personnel available
- Work in alignment with the Assistant Coach and Skills Coach to provide the resources to players in areas where they are required
- Plan and execute hockey school programs
- Team and individual player video
- Assist in the recruitment process
- Plan and organize off ice activities including team building
- Take a lead role in the hiring of an Assistant Coach and his development
- Assist the Associate General Managers in any related hockey and business tasks

### **Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities**

- Strong communication skills with the ability to adapt teaching methods
- Must be a forward thinker who is open to change and implementing new ideas and structure
- Prior Head Coach experience is an asset but not required
- Hockey Canada High Performance 1 Certification or equivalent
- The ability to in-game adjust, with strong bench management and player utilization skills
- Understanding of the college level game and how to prepare our players for that level
- Value education and the growth of the people in our organization as people

Interested candidates are asked to send a cover letter and resume with references to [cnelson@bonnyvillepontiacs.com](mailto:cnelson@bonnyvillepontiacs.com) and [nlangridge@bonnyvillepontiacs.com](mailto:nlangridge@bonnyvillepontiacs.com) prior to May 15. It is encouraged but not required to send additional information about your coaching philosophy and systems. Only candidates that are asked for an interview or additional information will be contacted. Thank you for your interest.

