



VSB OSTRAVA STEEL HAWKS

Assistant Coach – Ice Hockey

European Union College Hockey League (EUCHL) • Ostrava, Czech Republic

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Ostrava Steel Hawks are a member club of the European Union College Hockey League (EUCHL), a new college hockey league launching in October 2026 across the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia. The EUCHL was created to give North American (U.S. and Canadian) student-athletes a premier pathway to combine an accredited, English-language university education with high-level competitive hockey and a clear route toward professional leagues in Europe.

The league pairs academic excellence with elite athletic development: programs are hosted by accredited universities with structures modeled on those in the U.S. and Canada, games are played in or near professional arenas for maximum scouting visibility, and players are supported toward both their degrees and their professional ambitions. You can learn more at www.euchl.com.

Based in Ostrava, the Steel Hawks are building a coaching staff committed to player development, competitive excellence, and the academic and personal growth of every athlete in the program.

POSITION SUMMARY

Reporting to the Head Coach, the Assistant Coach supports the day-to-day on-ice development of the Steel Hawks roster. This is a part-time position of approximately 20 hours per week. It is a hands-on, ice-focused role centered on planning and running practices, developing individual and team skills, and helping prepare the team to compete. The Assistant Coach works closely with the Head Coach to create a positive, high-standard training environment that reflects the values of the club and the EUCHL.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

On-Ice Coaching & Practice

- Assist the Head Coach in planning, organizing and running practices, including drills, systems and skill stations.
- Lead designated practice segments and small-group sessions, providing clear instruction and feedback on the ice.
- Help deliver individual skill development – skating, puck skills, position-specific work and conditioning.
- Support the implementation of team systems and tactics under the direction of the Head Coach.

Player Development

- Provide consistent, constructive coaching and feedback to help players improve and progress toward their athletic goals.
- Track individual player development and share observations and recommendations with the Head Coach.
- Foster a positive, disciplined and respectful training environment aligned with the club's standards.

Game & Team Support

- Assist with pre-practice and pre-game preparation as directed by the Head Coach.
- Support the operation of the team on and off the ice, including the supervision of players during sessions.
- Contribute to a safe environment, following club, league and rink safety expectations.

TIME COMMITMENT & SCHEDULE

Hours: Part-time, approximately 20 hours per week across practices, games and preparation.

Practices: Four (4) practices per week, held in the mornings between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Games: A season schedule of approximately 30 to 36 games. The Assistant Coach is expected to be present at games, in addition to practices.

The Assistant Coach is expected to attend and be prepared for all scheduled practices and games, along with reasonable preparation time and occasional staff meetings as required. Specific responsibilities and ownership of roles within the coaching staff will be discussed and refined together as the Head Coach and Assistant Coach get to know each other and the needs of the team.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong hockey background as a player, coach, or both, with a solid understanding of the game.
- Genuine interest in and commitment to athlete development.

- Ability to instruct clearly on the ice and communicate effectively with players and fellow staff.
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of a coaching staff under the direction of the Head Coach.
- Reliability and availability to meet the morning practice schedule.
- Coaching certification and any safety/safeguarding requirements as specified by the club and league (an asset; support may be available).

REPORTING & REMUNERATION

Reports to: Head Coach, Ostrava Steel Hawks.

Remuneration: This is a paid position. Compensation will be discussed during the initial application and interview process.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates are invited to submit a brief résumé/CV and a short statement of coaching experience and interest to pier@ostravasteelhawks.com. Remuneration will be discussed during the initial application process.

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