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## CHICAGO MISSION HIRES CHRISTIAN HMURA AS SQUIRT/PEEWEE DIRECTOR

**Woodridge, IL - March 22, 2017** - The Chicago Mission is proud to announce the hiring of Christian Hmura as Director of Squirt and Pee wee levels along with Head Coaching both the Squirt Major and Pee wee Minor teams. His role will encompass the assessment of the top local players at both the Squirt and Pee wee levels and the player development at these levels once they join the club.

“This position is very important to us as a club and having a full-time coach at these levels ensures us the ability to focus on evaluating and bringing top players into the club at our entry level teams. As we prepare to move into a new era of hockey with the Chicago Blackhawks' partnership and new facility along with the continued support of our sponsor Coyote Logistics, Christian will be at the forefront of the evolution of the Mission.”

*Gino Cavallini, Chicago Mission Hockey Director*

Christian comes to the Mission with an impressive hockey background. Most notably he has held scouting positions at the junior hockey level along with recruiting roles in the college hockey ranks. He has assisted in the coaching and development of dozens of players advancing to Professional Hockey, NCAA Div. I and III, Major Junior and Jr. A (USHL & NAHL). Over the previous 10 seasons Christian has also been involved with local hockey in Chicago as coach and as hockey director predominantly at the squirt and pee wee levels.



“We are excited to have Christian join our coaching team and begin nurturing the culture we have established at the Mission from our youngest birth years. He brings a wealth of experience to this age group and will be able to immediately establish top talent for the upcoming season.”

*Anders Sorensen, Chicago Mission, Director of Player Development*

Christian will begin immediately in this position.

The Chicago Mission is a 501(c)3 Tier 1 (AAA) Youth Hockey Club founded in 2001.

For over a decade the Chicago Mission has been respected as one of the top organizations in North America and during this time, the Chicago Mission have won more state titles than any other Illinois Tier 1 organization (including 10 State Championships this year). The Chicago Mission are perennial national contenders winning 5 USA Hockey National Championships along with 6 International Silver Stick titles during this time.

This month, the Chicago Mission represented Illinois at all 7 levels for the Central District Regional Championships resulting in 4 teams moving on the 2017 USA Hockey National Championships.

The Chicago Mission are proud members of the High Performance Hockey League (HPHL) and for the past three seasons received the HPHL Award of Excellence (for the organization with the highest winning percentage for all teams combined).