

### **Content Outline**

# Future Goals™: Hockey Careers Beyond the Ice

### **Lesson 1: Facilities Operations**

#### **Description**

Students learn about the careers that play a critical role in the creation and maintenance of the rink slab of ice while trying to solve an issue with ice quality before the game.

#### **Topics**

- The lesson opens with a challenge to help the Facilities Operations team determine what is wrong with the ice.
- Investigate how ice slabs are made and review the cooling mechanisms for the concrete slab with the Operations Manager.
- Learn how air temperature and humidity must be balanced to ensure the ice is high quality and fans are comfortable with the HVAC Technician.
- Investigate how water quality impacts ice formation and the efforts teams are using to reduce energy consumption with the Sustainability Manager.
- Explore how resurfacing the ice works and how this contributes to high quality ice with the Ice Technician.
- Make suggestions on how best to improve the ice based on knowledge gained.

# Learning Objectives

- Define the roles and responsibilities of the Ice Operations team of an NHL Club.
- Diagnose and identify solutions for quality-related issues by using problemsolving skills.
- Analyze solutions for effectiveness and timeliness.

### Lesson 2: Player Performance

#### **Description**

Students learn about careers that play a critical role in helping players perform at their highest level while addressing physical issues that players face during the first period of the game.



### **Topics**

- During the first period of the game, students are faced with helping players experiencing lace bite, sluggishness and a puck to the shoulder.
- Engage with the Athletic Trainer to learn how she supports players with medical evaluations and rehabilitation interventions.
- Help the Strength and Conditioning Coach analyze player performance data and make suggestions for continual improvement.
- Support the nutritional needs of each player, by aiding the team Nutritionist to customize meal plans and support performance during games.
- Troubleshoot safety improvements by working with the Equipment Manager to customize player pads and skates to meet their needs.
- Evaluate which support team member can best help each hockey player as they come off the ice with different issues

# Learning Objectives

- Define the roles and responsibilities of the sports medicine and Player Performance staff of an NHL Team.
- Identify common health issues that players may face and propose appropriate interventions.
- Demonstrate effective problem-solving skills in addressing player health concerns in collaboration with sports medicine staff.

### Lesson 3: Fan Engagement

### **Description**

Students learn about fan engagement through game presentation, social media and journalism careers and attempt to increase fan engagement during the second period of the game.

#### **Topics**

- Fan engagement is defined, and students are tasked with determining how best to engage fans throughout the lesson.
- Analyze audience demographics, learn about segmentation, and make predictions about effective marketing campaigns while working with the Marketing Manager.
- Explore how social media activity can indicate fan opinions through sentiment analysis with the Social Media Manager.
- Analyze audience reaction data and determine the best social media content to post during the second period of the game.
- Meet the Game Presentation Director and learn how to manage media shown during games.
- Evaluate videoboard content and decide what to present while responding to what is happening in the game.
- Align webpage content to support the Team Journalist's article recap
  of the hockey game.
- Shoot a puck and try to score during the second intermission as part of a fan engagement marketing campaign.



# Learning Objectives

- Define the roles and responsibilities of the marketing department of an NHL Team including social media, game presentation and team journalist.
- Analyze social media feeds to identify trends and fan engagement metrics.
- Evaluate the impact of broadcast and social media strategies on the overall fan experience and recommend improvements.

### Lesson 4: Business Intelligence

### **Description**

Students learn about careers that help an NHL Team thrive financially during the third period of the game by analyzing ticket sales, merchandising, player salaries and awards, and corporate sponsorship.

### **Topics**

- An NHL Team is a business that must be managed effectively by paying attention to income and expenses.
- Learn how player salaries are determined with the Senior Accountant.
- Recruit new players that meet the team's needs for performance and finances.
- Explore dynamic and variable ticket pricing with the Director of Ticket Operations.
- Evaluate and choose the best pricing level for tickets for several games based on supply and demand.
- Analyze data on merchandise and concession sales to adjust actions and increase sales while working with the Vice President of Business Strategy and Analytics.
- Determine the best businesses to target aligned sponsorship opportunities while working with the Director of Corporate Sponsorships.

# Learning Objectives

- Define the roles and responsibilities of the business leadership team of an NHL Club including accounting, business intelligence and corporate sponsorship.
- Analyze financial data through business intelligence to understand the economic health of the NHL Team.
- Evaluate the impact of business strategy decisions on the financial health of the NHL Team.

