



Jim Graham

Coaching Experience

Jim Graham will be entering his eleventh season as a youth hockey coach. He has coached all ages from 1st year mites to u18. He started coaching in 1996 with the Melody Brook Lazars. He was a coach with the Ice Dogs Squirt AA team in the organization's inaugural season. He went on to be head coach with the Ice Dogs at Pee Wee A, Pee Wee AA and Bantam A. He most recently coached u18 at Old York Road and was an assistant coach with LaSalle's varsity A team in 2007.

Coaching Philosophy

I feel that the Bantam level hockey is the most critical level in the growth of a hockey player. It is time for players to expand their knowledge and understanding of the game. I believe that with continued skill development, expanding the player's responsibility and on-ice awareness, they will be better prepared for success going forward. I believe that the player's growth and improvement is based on their performance in practice. I believe that practices need to be well-planned and progressive in skill and situational development. Practices must be run with the same level of intensity that is consistent with game speed. Respect, discipline and hard work are values I preach and I will hold myself, assistant coaches, and players accountable to these values.

Jim is originally from Boston and has played competitive hockey for over 30 years. Jim and his wife Carol have one son, Michael. Michael played 12 years of youth hockey and is currently a freshman at Penn State.