



ICE DOGS

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Coaching Biography

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Coaching Experience

- Certified Level 3 USA Hockey Coach, CEP # 275041
- 2010-2011: Assistant Coach, Ice Dogs Pee Wee B1 (DVHL Division Winner)
- 2010: Head Coach, Pee Wee, Spring, – Hypercats
- 2009-2010: Head Coach, Pee Wee, Fall/Winter – Ice Hawks Light-Travel
- 2009: Head Coach, Pee Wee, Spring – Canadians
- 2008-2009: Head Coach, Squirt, Fall/Winter – Ice Hawks Light-Travel
- 2008-2009: Head Coach, Squirt, Fall/Winter – Bruins
- 2008: Head Coach, Squirt, Spring – Canucks
- 2007-2008: Head Coach, Squirt, Fall/Winter – Select Team
- 2007-2008: Head Coach, Squirt, Fall/Winter – Avalanche
- 2007: Head Coach, Squirt, Spring – Sharks
- 2006-2007: Assistant Coach, Mite, Fall/Winter – Ducks

Coaching Philosophy

My approach is to develop players across the spectrum of technical skills (skating, passing, shooting, checking, and puck handling) and mental skills (decision making, read-and-react, individual and team tactics, systems, and strategies) appropriate to their level, which allows them to compete at their personal best.

My focus is continuous learning – to take each shift, each game situation, and the game itself as an opportunity to learn – win or lose. It is my philosophy that through this continuous learning process that players can put themselves in the best position to succeed and to grow as individuals and as players. And that making mistakes and learning from them, are an integral part of development.

At the same time, I expect players to work hard, focus, and to play as a member of the team every time they enter the rink. This includes practice, chalk-talk reviews, dry-land training, pre-game warm ups, the locker room, and of course the games themselves. I want the players to practice and play with discipline and determination, and to challenge themselves to continuously improve and learn. Lastly, I expect each of my players to respect the game of hockey and demonstrate good sportsmanship through their actions and words, by demonstrating respect of opponents, officials, players, coaches, and parents.

And while winning games is an important goal of any competitive athletic team, the key for me is teaching players that winning is the result of hard work, focus, continuous learning, and teamwork.