



Shawn Sarbacker

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Shawn grew up Moorhead, Minnesota, a hockey town in northwest Minnesota just across the Red River from Fargo, ND. As with many Minnesotans, Shawn grew up with hockey including playing competitive northern MN travel hockey leagues and taking advantage of a family backyard rink that allowed daily neighborhood games from Thanksgiving into March each year.

After high school, Shawn was fortunate to be able to continue playing hockey at a competitive level. He was recruited to play for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, an ECAC Division I hockey school, where he could combine his love of hockey with his Engineering career aspirations. Shawn also took advantage of the opportunity to play in graduate school for the Stanford University club team. After college, Shawn has continued to play in a variety of competitive senior leagues, and has transitioned from his original position of goaltender to skating out, mostly as a forward / center.

Shortly out of college, Shawn wanted to give back to the game by coaching youth hockey. His first coaching experience was as a volunteer coach with the Grosse Point (Michigan) Squirt A's. As his son Eric started hitting the ice, he went on to run the full-year beginner's clinic in Royal Oak, MI. More recently, he served as Assistant and Head Coach for teams at the Mite and Squirt levels in the Hatfield Ice In-House program, including coaching the Mite and Squirt Selects. He joined the Ice Dogs organization in 2010 where he was an Assistant Coach for the Squirt A team.

Playing Experience

- Moorhead (MN) High School Varsity (1982-86)
- USAH Junior Olympics Festival (1986)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, ECAC Division I (1986-90)
- Stanford University, ACHA Division II Club (1993-95)
- Senior League Hockey, A, B, 30+ leagues (1995-present)

Coaching Experience

- Assistant Coach – Grosse Point, MI Squirt A (1990-93)
- Head Coach – Royal Oak, MI Beginner's Clinic (2003-05)
- Head & Assistant Coach – Hatfield In-House, North Penn Squirts, Ice Hawks In-House Selects (2005-09)
- Assistant Coach – Ice Dogs Squirt A (2010-11)
- Head Coach – Ice Dogs Pee Wee B (2011-12)
- Certified Level 2 USA Hockey Coach

Coaching Philosophy

My philosophy and goal as a travel hockey coach is to give each player the chance to experience the fun, satisfaction, camaraderie and personal growth that comes with playing the great sport of ice hockey, while learning to compete at an advanced level.