



PROGRAM GUIDE 2026-2027

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION



BRENDAN LOGAN PRESIDENT & FOUNDER OF THE QUEEN CITY ROYALS

BRENDAN PLAYED JUNIOR HOCKEY ACROSS MULTIPLE LEAGUES BEFORE COMPETING IN THREE SEASONS OF NCAA DIVISION III HOCKEY AT AURORA UNIVERSITY AND WILKES UNIVERSITY.

FOLLOWING HIS COLLEGIATE CAREER, HE SPENT A BRIEF PERIOD PLAYING MINOR PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY.

AFTER CONCLUDING HIS PLAYING CAREER, BRENDAN FOUNDED THE QUEEN CITY ROYALS AND HAS SINCE COACHED NUMEROUS TEAMS AND AGE GROUPS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP, HE HAS PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN BUILDING AND DEVELOPING THE PROGRAM.

BRENDAN'S LEADERSHIP, VISION FOR THE PROGRAM, AND COMMITMENT TO LONG-TERM PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CONTINUE TO SET THE STANDARD ACROSS ALL DIVISIONS.

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MIKE BUSTO

HOCKEY DIRECTOR - 18UAAA HEAD COACH

MIKE IS A NATIVE OF VANCOUVER, CANADA, AND BRINGS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE FROM BOTH HIS PROFESSIONAL PLAYING AND COACHING CAREERS. HE PLAYED FIVE SEASONS IN THE WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE (WHL), WHERE HE SERVED AS TEAM CAPTAIN AND EARNED RECOGNITION AS AN ALL-STAR DEFENSEMAN. FOLLOWING HIS JUNIOR CAREER, MIKE SIGNED A THREE-YEAR ENTRY-LEVEL CONTRACT IN THE NHL, SPENDING TIME WITHIN THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE NEW YORK RANGERS AND THE MONTREAL CANADIENS.

OVER THE COURSE OF A 10-YEAR PROFESSIONAL PLAYING CAREER, MIKE COMPETED ACROSS NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE, INCLUDING TWO SEASONS WITH THE CHARLOTTE CHECKERS. AFTER RETIRING FROM PROFESSIONAL PLAY, HE TRANSITIONED INTO COACHING, BEGINNING WITH TWO SEASONS COACHING PROFESSIONALLY IN ASIA BEFORE RETURNING TO WESTERN CANADA TO COACH AT A HOCKEY ACADEMY.

MIKE BRINGS A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE AS BOTH A PLAYER AND COACH, WHICH CONTINUES TO BENEFIT THE PROGRAM AT EVERY LEVEL. HE IS ALSO THE CO-FOUNDER AND HEAD ON-ICE INSTRUCTOR OF THE SOUTHERN PROSPECTS HOCKEY ACADEMY. THIS UPCOMING SEASON WILL MARK MIKE'S FIFTH YEAR WITH THE ROYALS.



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION



NICK POPP

ASSISTANT HOCKEY DIRECTOR - 14UAA & 16UAA HEAD COACH

NICK POPP BRINGS A STRONG BACKGROUND IN BOTH PLAYING AND COACHING TO THE RINK. HE PLAYED TWO SEASONS OF JUNIOR HOCKEY IN THE UNITED STATES PREMIER HOCKEY LEAGUE PREMIER WITH THE CHARLESTON COLONIALS, COMPETING AGAINST TOP JUNIOR TALENT WHILE CONTINUING TO DEVELOP HIS GAME AT A HIGH LEVEL.

FOLLOWING HIS PLAYING CAREER, NICK TRANSITIONED INTO COACHING AND HAS SPENT SEVERAL YEARS DEVELOPING PLAYERS AND BUILDING COMPETITIVE TEAMS. HE SPENT ONE SEASON COACHING WITH THE CHARLESTON JR. STINGRAYS, WHERE THE TEAM CAPTURED A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

NICK HAS SPENT THE PAST SIX SEASONS COACHING WITHIN THE QUEEN CITY ROYALS ORGANIZATION, PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF YOUTH HOCKEY IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA.

MOST RECENTLY, NICK SERVED AS HEAD COACH OF A 14U AAA TEAM THAT CAPTURED A NORTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP LAST SEASON. HE IS KNOWN FOR EMPHASIZING WORK ETHIC, SKILL DEVELOPMENT, AND A STRONG TEAM CULTURE WHILE HELPING PLAYERS GROW BOTH ON AND OFF THE ICE.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION



ALLISON PEARCE

ADMINISTRATOR AND REGISTRAR

ALLISON PEARCE IS OUR QUEEN CITY ROYALS ADMINISTRATOR AND REGISTRAR. WITH A PASSION FOR ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING, ALLISON PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN SUPPORTING TEAM OPERATIONS, COORDINATING SCHEDULES, MANAGING COMMUNICATIONS, AND MAINTAINING SMOOTH DAY-TO-DAY LOGISTICS.

BRIAN PEARCE

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR AND REGISTRAR

BRIAN PEARCE WILL BE ASSISTING WITH ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. HE IS KNOWN FOR HIS ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND TEAM-FIRST MINDSET. BRIAN WILL ENSURE THAT COACHES, PLAYERS, AND FAMILIES CAN FOCUS ON WHAT MATTERS MOST, ENJOYING THE GAME.



MISSION STATEMENT

WE CREATE A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOUNG ATHLETES BUILD CONFIDENCE THROUGH THE GAME OF HOCKEY. WE FOSTER A CULTURE WHERE THE DEMANDS ARE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND AT TIMES EMOTIONAL. WE HOLD OUR ATHLETES ACCOUNTABLE TO THEIR COACHES, TEAMMATES AND ULTIMATELY THEMSELVES AS WE DEVELOP HOCKEY PLAYERS TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE ON THE ICE AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.



VISION STATEMENT

THE QUEEN CITY ROYALS STRIVE TO BE THE PREDOMINANT YOUTH HOCKEY ORGANIZATION IN THE SOUTHEAST. WE WILL LEVERAGE OUR CORE VALUES, TOP TIER COACHING AND BEST FACILITY IN THE AREA TO DEVELOP YOUTH TALENT THAT IS UNMATCHED BY ANY OTHER PROGRAMS IN THE SOUTH. WE WILL CONSISTENTLY COMPETE FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ALL SKILL LEVELS AND PRODUCE HIGH END PLAYERS THAT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY HOCKEY AT ADVANCED LEVELS INCLUDING THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL AND BEYOND.

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CORE VALUES

ACCOUNTABILITY

BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR WORDS, OUR ACTIONS AND OUR RESULTS.
WE WILL REPRESENT THE QCR LOGO ON AND OFF THE ICE.

CHARACTER

TAKING IT UPON OURSELVES TO DO THE RIGHT THING ALL THE TIME,
ESPECIALLY WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING.

TEAMWORK

WORKING TOGETHER TO LIFT ONE ANOTHER UP IN GOOD TIMES AND MORE
IMPORTANTLY DURING THE TOUGH TIMES. BY DOING THIS WE WILL BE
SUCCESSFUL ON THE ICE, REGARDLESS OF THE FINAL SCORE.

RESPECT

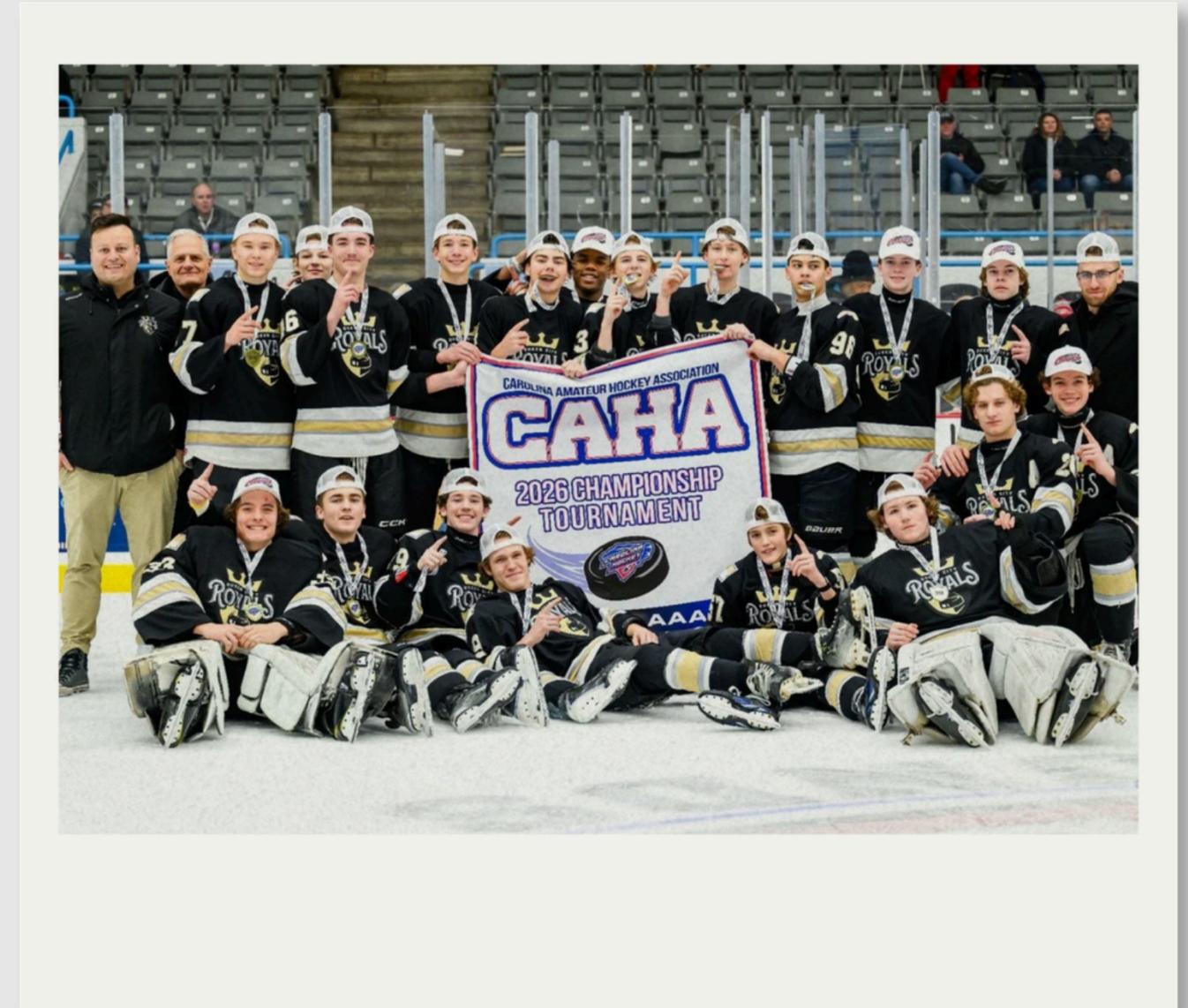
RESPECT OUR COACHES BY LISTENING AND PUTTING FORTH OUR BEST EFFORT.
RESPECT OUR TEAMMATES BY DOING OUR PART.
RESPECT OUR OPPONENT BY GIVING THEM OUR BEST EFFORT.

DEDICATION

BE ON TIME, CONSISTENT AND GIVE OUR BEST EFFORT: AT HOME AND AT THE
RINK. TAKE IT UPON OURSELVES TO IMPROVE EACH AND EVERYDAY.

HUMILITY

KNOW THAT WE ARE ALWAYS LEARNING AND THAT WE CAN BE BETTER
TOMORROW IF WE PUT IN THE EFFORT.



OUR PROCESS



8U DEVELOPMENT

OUR "INTRO TO TRAVEL", ALLOWING OUR 8U PLAYERS A SMALLER SCALE TRAVEL SEASON. THROUGH WEEKLY DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS, OUR 8U PLAYERS WILL WORK HARD TO DEVELOP PROPER FUNDAMENTALS AND SKILLS, ALL WHILE CREATING MEMORIES WITH THEIR TEAMMATES.

10U & 12U

THE USA HOCKEY "LEARN TO TRAIN" PHASE TAKES PLACE DURING THE AGES OF 10-12. THESE AGE LEVELS ARE PRIME OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAYERS TO DEVELOP FINE MOTOR SKILLS AND THE RIGHT WAY TO TRAIN. USA HOCKEY EXPLAINS THAT WHAT IS LEARNED DURING THIS TIME PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN THE REST OF THE ATHLETES CAREER. EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAYING AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL REGARDLESS OF LETTER (A/AA/AAA).



14U

REFERENCED AS USA HOCKEY'S "TRAIN TO TRAIN" PHASE. PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND ATHLETICISM ARE A MAIN POINT OF EMPHASIS AND AT THESE AGE LEVELS PLAYERS SHOULD BEGIN TO PIECE A PLAN TOGETHER FOR WHAT THEY WANT OUT OF THE GAME OF HOCKEY (PRO, COLLEGE, JUNIORS OR JUST FOR FUN). QCR STRIVES TO ASSIST ITS PLAYERS WITH ALL GOALS.

16U & 18U

LASTLY THE "LEARN TO COMPETE PHASE" IS DESIGNED FOR OUR PLAYERS TO SHARPEN THEIR TOOLS AS HOCKEY PLAYERS. THE OVERALL ATHLETE BEGINS TO SHIFT THEIR MAIN FOCUS FROM OVERALL DEVELOPMENT TO THE COMPETITION LEVEL AND PLAYING WITHIN A STRUCTURE.

TRYOUTS

TIER 1 TRYOUTS (AAA) - APRIL 3RD & 4TH

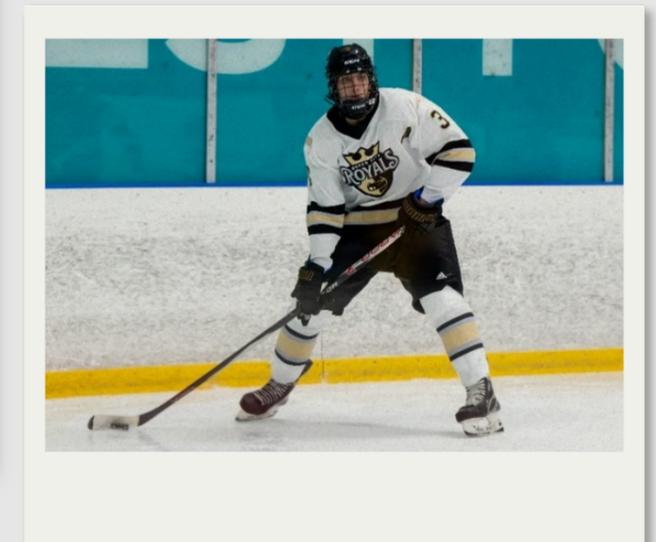
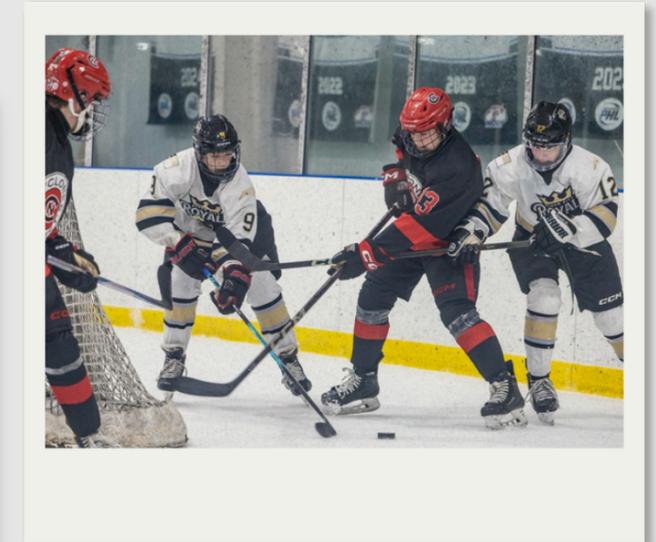
TIER 1 TRYOUTS ARE OPEN TO ALL YOUTH HOCKEY PLAYERS BETWEEN THE 2008 TO 2015 BIRTH YEARS. THESE PLAYERS ARE LOOKING FOR THE MOST COMPETITIVE HOCKEY EXPERIENCE.

TIER 2 TRYOUTS - AA (MAY 1ST & 2ND), A (MAY 9TH & 10TH)

TIER 2 TRYOUTS ARE OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS BETWEEN THE 2008 TO 2017 BIRTH YEARS. THESE PLAYERS ARE LOOKING FOR A COMPETITIVE HOCKEY EXPERIENCE WITH A LESSER TRAVEL REQUIREMENT THAN TIER 1.

GIRLS TRYOUTS - MAY 1ST & 2ND

THE GIRLS TRYOUTS WILL BE OPEN TO ALL GIRLS BETWEEN THE 2010 TO 2017 BIRTH YEARS. THESE PLAYERS ARE LOOKING FOR THE MOST COMPETITIVE HOCKEY EXPERIENCE IN THE SOUTHEAST.



WHAT IS TIER 1 & TIER 2?

TIER 1 (AAA)

REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMPETITIVE YOUTH TRAVEL HOCKEY. PLAYERS AT THIS LEVEL TYPICALLY DEMONSTRATE EXCEPTIONAL SKILLS AND COMMITMENT TO THE SPORT WITH ASPIRATIONS OF PLAYING AT HIGHER LEVELS.



TIER 2 (AA)

INCLUDES BOTH AA AND A LEVELS WITH AA BEING THE HIGHER OF THE TWO. PLAYERS IN TIER 2 HOCKEY ARE STILL HIGHLY SKILLED AND COMMITTED, BUT ARE CONTINUING TO DEVELOP THEIR HOCKEY SKILLS IN ORDER TO PROGRESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL.



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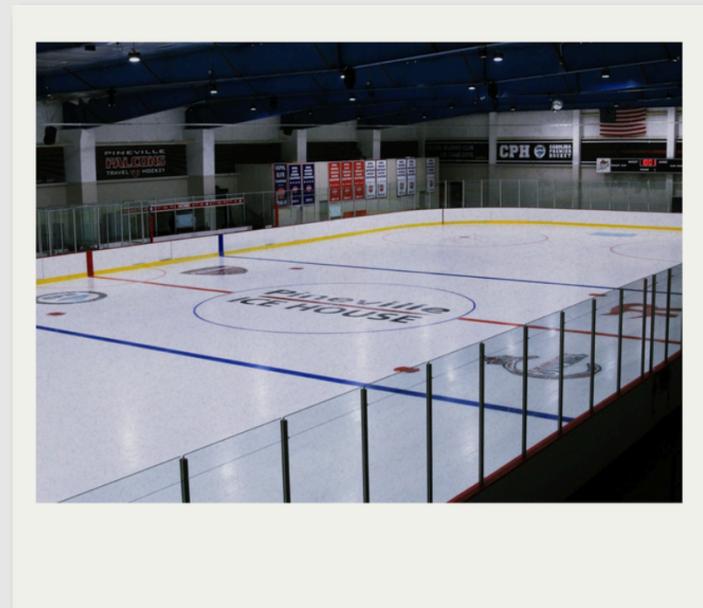
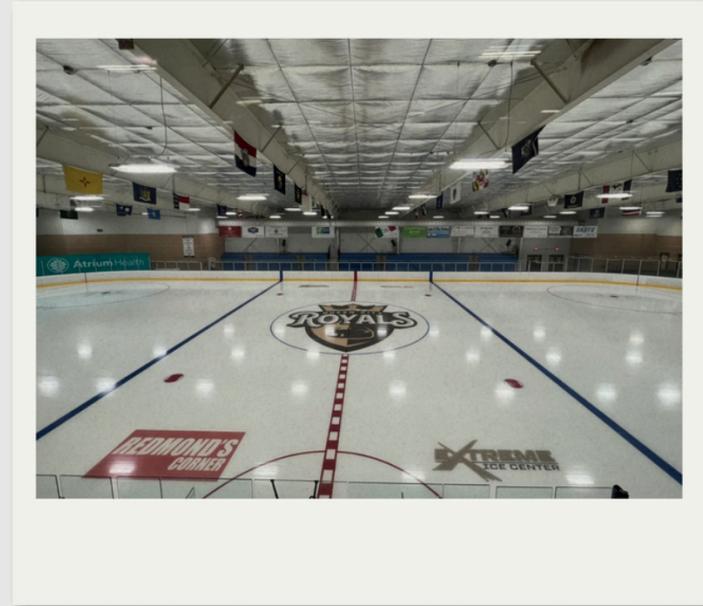


COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

OUR COACHING STAFF BRINGS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE FROM ELITE LEVELS OF BOTH PLAYING AND COACHING. MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF HAVE COMPETED IN OR COACHED WITHIN TOP DEVELOPMENT AND PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES HOCKEY LEAGUE (USHL), UNITED STATES PREMIER HOCKEY LEAGUE (USPHL), NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE (NAHL), NATIONAL COLLEGIATE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (NCDC), WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE (WHL), NCAA DIVISION III, SOUTHERN PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (SPHL), ECHL, AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE (AHL), AND THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL), AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES THROUGHOUT EUROPE AND ASIA. OUR PROGRAM ALSO MAINTAINS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGES OF NON-PARENT HEAD COACHES WITHIN THE CAROLINA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (CAHA) AFFILIATE STRUCTURE, REINFORCING OUR COMMITMENT TO EXPERIENCED, INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP BEHIND THE BENCH.

OUR TEAMS TRAIN AND COMPETE AT THE EXTREME ICE CENTER AND THE PINEVILLE ICE HOUSE, TWO WIDELY REGARDED PREMIER HOCKEY FACILITIES IN NORTH AMERICA. OUR FACILITIES PROVIDE A PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ENVIRONMENT, AND WE CONTINUE TO INVEST IN TOP-OF-THE-LINE EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES TO ENHANCE THE PLAYER EXPERIENCE WHILE SUPPORTING OPTIMAL DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE.

AT QUEEN CITY ROYALS, EXCELLENCE IS NOT SIMPLY A GOAL, IT IS THE STANDARD. WITH EXPERIENCED COACHES AT EVERY LEVEL AND ACCESS TO WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES, OUR PROGRAM IS COMMITTED TO DELIVERING AN ELITE HOCKEY EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH PLAYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHILE FOSTERING LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT ON AND OFF THE ICE.



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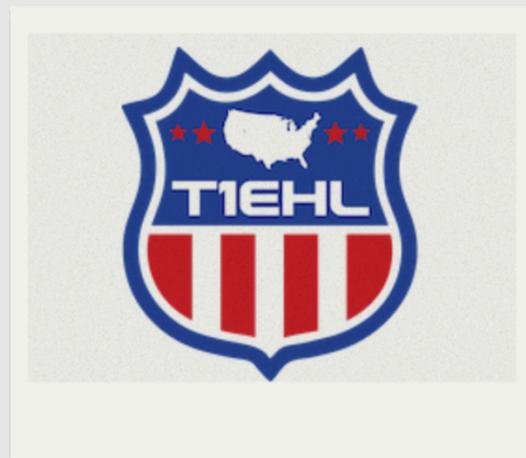
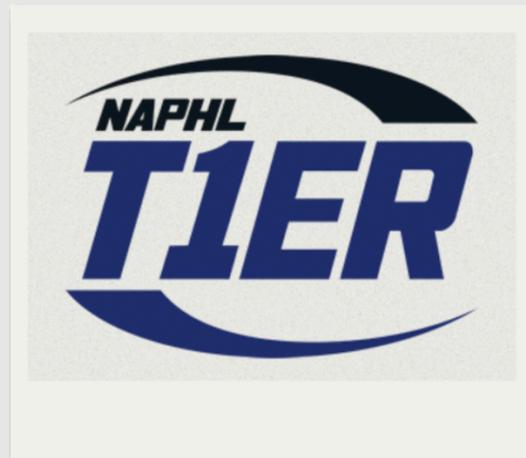
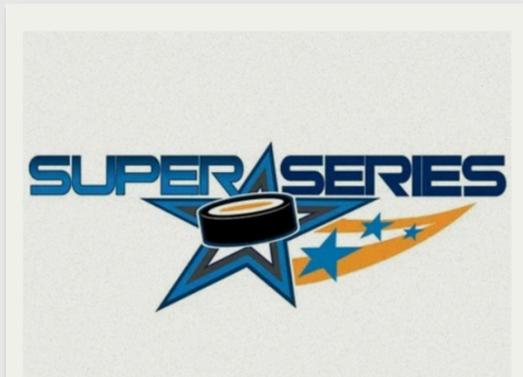




TIER 1 (AAA) GUIDE

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TIER 1 LEAGUES



OUR AAA TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT COMPETITION, EXPOSURE, AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PLAYERS.

THE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE AS A GUEST MEMBER IN THE TIER 1 HOCKEY FEDERATION (THF). THE THF PROVIDES A STRUCTURED SCHEDULE OF HIGHLY COMPETITIVE GAMES AGAINST STRONG PROGRAMS FROM ACROSS THE REGION, OFFERING OUR OLDER TEAMS REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPETE AT A HIGH LEVEL THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENTS ALLOWS OUR PLAYERS TO FACE TOP-TIER COMPETITION WHILE GAINING VALUABLE GAME EXPERIENCE IN A LEAGUE-STYLE ENVIRONMENT.

IN ADDITION TO THE THF COMPETITION, OUR TEAMS WILL ATTEND SEVERAL PREMIER TOURNAMENTS HOSTED BY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS SUPER SERIES AAA, CCM HOCKEY, AND TIEHL. THESE EVENTS BRING TOGETHER ELITE TEAMS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDE PLAYERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE IN WELL-ORGANIZED, HIGH-VISIBILITY TOURNAMENTS THAT EMPHASIZE STRONG COMPETITION AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT.

WE ARE ALSO ACTIVELY EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS HOSTED BY THE NORTH AMERICAN TIER 1 HOCKEY LEAGUE (NATIHL). THESE EVENTS FEATURE STRONG TIER 1 AND AAA PROGRAMS AND WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE THE COMPETITIVE SCHEDULE FOR OUR TEAMS WHILE OFFERING ADDITIONAL EXPOSURE AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

BY COMBINING LEAGUE PLAY WITH HIGH-QUALITY TOURNAMENTS AND SHOWCASE-STYLE EVENTS, OUR GOAL IS TO CREATE A BALANCED AND CHALLENGING SCHEDULE THAT SUPPORTS BOTH TEAM SUCCESS AND INDIVIDUAL PLAYER GROWTH OVER THE COURSE OF THE SEASON.

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COACHING BIOGRAPHIES - 11UAAA & 12UAAA

CASEY HAINES (11UAAA)

OUR 11U AAA TEAM WILL BE LED BY HEAD COACH CASEY HAINES, WHOSE EXTENSIVE PLAYING AND COACHING BACKGROUND BRINGS ELITE EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP TO THE PROGRAM. CASEY PLAYED THREE SEASONS IN THE NAHL AND FOUR YEARS OF NCAA DIVISION I HOCKEY AT FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY, FOLLOWED BY OVER 150 PROFESSIONAL GAMES IN THE ECHL, EIHL, AND THE AHL. HE HAS SPENT THE PAST FIVE SEASONS COACHING WITHIN OUR PROGRAM AND MOST RECENTLY LED OUR TOP-RANKED 10U TEAM IN THE STATE TO AN ACHC LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

BRENDAN LOGAN (11UAAA)

BRENDAN PLAYED JUNIOR HOCKEY ACROSS MULTIPLE LEAGUES BEFORE COMPETING FOR THREE YEARS IN NCAA DIVISION III HOCKEY AT AURORA UNIVERSITY AND WILKES UNIVERSITY. AFTER A SHORT STINT IN MINOR PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY, BRENDAN FOUNDED THE QUEEN CITY ROYALS AND HAS SINCE COACHED NUMEROUS TEAMS AND AGE LEVELS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION.

GRANT GALLO (12UAAA)

GRANT GALLO BRINGS NCAA DIVISION III PLAYING EXPERIENCE FROM NAZARETH UNIVERSITY AND A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT. HE PREVIOUSLY LED THE 12UAA AND 16UAA PROGRAMS IN COLORADO AND MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS THE 12UAA HEAD COACH AND THE 18UAAA ASSISTANT COACH WITHIN THE ROYALS ORGANIZATION. GRANT'S COMPETITIVE BACKGROUND AND DEVELOPMENT-FOCUSED APPROACH MAKE HIM A STRONG LEADER FOR OUR 12UAAA GROUP.

GINO DEBLASIIS (12UAAA)

GINO DEBLASIIS PLAYED FOUR YEARS OF NCAA DIVISION III HOCKEY AT SUNY CANTON BEFORE TRANSITIONING INTO COACHING. HE MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS HEAD COACH OF THE CPH 14UAA TEAM IN CHARLOTTE. GINO EMPHASIZES ACCOUNTABILITY, WORK ETHIC, AND BUILDING WELL-ROUNDED ATHLETES ON AND OFF THE ICE. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE, AND ENERGY THIS STAFF BRINGS TO OUR 12UAAA PROGRAM.



COACHING BIOGRAPHIES - 13UAAA & 14UAAA

BRENTON BLASKIE (13UAAA AND 14UAAA)

BRENTON BLASKIE JOINS THE STAFF WITH EXPERIENCE ACROSS ALL LEVELS OF YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY. HE COACHED IN THE OHIO AAA BLUE JACKETS PROGRAM FROM 2012-2024, WORKING WITH TEAMS FROM 10U THROUGH 18U. HE HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE COLUMBUS HOCKEY COMMUNITY, INCLUDING HELPING DESIGN THE COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS HOCKEY LEAGUE. HE SERVED AS THE LEAD DEVELOPMENT COACH FOR THREE YEARS, BUILDING AND IMPLEMENTING PRACTICE PLANS AND PLAYER/COACH DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS.

BLASKIE ALSO BRINGS EIGHT YEARS OF VARSITY COACHING EXPERIENCE. THIS PAST SEASON, HE COACHED WITH CAROLINA PREMIER HOCKEY AT THE 13UAAA AND 12U SELECTS LEVEL.

HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MATTHEWS ATHLETIC AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

JOEY STRADA (14UAAA AND 13UAAA)

JOEY STRADA IS A FORMER JUNIOR AND PROFESSIONAL FORWARD WITH A STRONG COMPETITIVE BACKGROUND. HE PLAYED THREE SEASONS WITH THE ABERDEEN WINGS IN THE NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE (NAHL), WINNING A ROBERTSON CUP CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2019 AND FINISHING AS THE SECOND-LEADING SCORER IN FRANCHISE HISTORY. HE ALSO COMPETED IN THE UNITED STATES HOCKEY LEAGUE (USHL) BEFORE ADVANCING TO THE PROFESSIONAL RANKS IN SWEDEN'S HOCKEYETTAN AND THE SOUTHERN PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (SPHL).

TRANSITIONING INTO COACHING, STRADA SERVED AS AN ASSISTANT COACH WITH THE IDAHO FALLS SPUD KINGS IN THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (NCDC), FOCUSING ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND PLAYER GROWTH. IN THAT ROLE HE WAS PART OF THE STAFF THAT CAPTURED THE 2025 DINEEN CUP CHAMPIONSHIP.



COACHING BIOGRAPHIES - 15UAAA & 16UAAA

KEVIN SMITH (16UAAA AND 15UAAA)

COACH KEVIN SMITH BRINGS OVER 20 YEARS OF COACHING EXPERIENCE AND IS A USA HOCKEY LEVEL 5 CERTIFIED COACH FOCUSED ON ELITE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT. HE HAS COACHED AT THE JUNIOR, AAA, AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS, INCLUDING THE PAST 14 SEASONS WITH THE MIDDLESEX ISLANDERS HOCKEY CLUB IN MASSACHUSETTS, WHERE HE LED MULTIPLE CHAMPIONSHIP-CALIBER TEAMS AND TEAMS THAT REACHED THE UNITED STATES PREMIER HOCKEY LEAGUE (USPHL) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

KEVIN EMPHASIZES DEVELOPING THE COMPLETE PLAYER THROUGH SKILL DEVELOPMENT, HOCKEY IQ, DISCIPLINE, AND TEAMWORK WHILE INCORPORATING ADVANCED PERFORMANCE ANALYTICS AND VIDEO. HIS PLAYER-CENTERED APPROACH HAS HELPED MORE THAN 75 ATHLETES ADVANCE TO ELITE JUNIOR AND COLLEGIATE LEVELS SINCE 2020.

ALEX DRULIA (16UAAA AND 15UAAA)

ALEX DRULIA, A NATIVE OF FORT ERIE, COMES FROM A DEDICATED HOCKEY FAMILY AND WAS INFLUENCED BY HIS UNCLE, STAN DRULIA, WHO PLAYED IN THE NHL FOR THE TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING.

AFTER A FOUR-YEAR TIER III JUNIOR PLAYING CAREER WAS CUT SHORT BY INJURY, ALEX TRANSITIONED INTO COACHING, STARTING WITH THE DELLS DUCKS, THEN SERVING AS AN ASSISTANT WITH THE GREAT FALLS AMERICANS, AND LATER AS HEAD COACH OF THE CAPE COD ISLANDERS. FROM 2019–2022, HE LED THE TWIN CITY THUNDER (USPHL PREMIER) AND SERVED AS AN NCDC ASSISTANT, BEFORE HEADING THE MAINE MOOSE 18U AAA PROGRAM AND SCOUTING FOR THE AUSTIN BRUINS, ULTIMATELY EARNING A FULL-TIME ASSISTANT COACH ROLE WITH AUSTIN FOR THE 2023–24 SEASON.

AT 30, ALEX BRINGS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN PLAYER DEVELOPMENT ACROSS TIER III, AAA, AND JUNIOR HOCKEY.



COACHING BIOGRAPHIES - 18UAAA

MIKE BUSTO (18UAAA)

ORIGINALLY FROM VANCOUVER, CANADA, MIKE PLAYED FIVE SEASONS IN THE WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE (WHL), APPEARING IN OVER 300 GAMES BEFORE SIGNING AN ENTRY-LEVEL CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK RANGERS AND LATER BEING PART OF A TRADE INVOLVING THE MONTREAL CANADIENS. HE WENT ON TO PLAY NEARLY A DECADE OF PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY ACROSS NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE, INCLUDING TIME WITH THE CHARLOTTE CHECKERS.

MIKE CURRENTLY SERVES AS HOCKEY DIRECTOR FOR THE QUEEN CITY ROYALS AND BRINGS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN COACHING AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL COACHING IN ASIA AND WORK WITHIN A HIGH-PERFORMANCE ACADEMY IN WESTERN CANADA. HE IS ALSO THE CO-FOUNDER AND HEAD ON-ICE INSTRUCTOR OF THE SOUTHERN HOCKEY PROSPECTS ACADEMY.

TOM MENSFORTH (18UAAA)

TOM IS A LEVEL 4 USA HOCKEY COACH WITH DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN YOUTH HOCKEY AS A PLAYER, REFEREE, AND COACH.

SINCE 2009, HE HAS COACHED AT EXTREME ICE CENTER HAS ALSO WORKED WITH QUEEN CITY ROYALS TIER 1 TEAMS SINCE THEIR LAUNCH IN THE 2024-2025 SEASON.



TIER 1 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

11UAAA (2015)

HEAD COACH: CASEY HAINES

ASSISTANT COACH: BRENDAN LOGAN

EVENT BUDGET: 10 HOME GAMES & 6 EVENTS

LEAGUE: INDEPENDENT

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES / 1-WEEKLY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

WORKOUT/VIDEO: WEEKLY DRYLAND TRAINING & VIDEO SESSION

TWO HIGH PERFORMANCE PRACTICE WEEKENDS

PRE-SEASON TRAINING CAMP WEEKEND

ACCESS TO HUDL VIDEO PLATFORM

SEASON COST: \$6,750.00

13UAAA (2013)

HEAD COACH: BRENTON BLASKIE

ASSISTANT COACH: JOEY STRADA

EVENT BUDGET: 10 HOME GAMES & 6 EVENTS

LEAGUE: INDEPENDENT

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: TWO DRYLAND TRAINING SESSIONS & ONE VIDEO SESSION WEEKLY

TWO HIGH PERFORMANCE PRACTICE WEEKENDS

PRE-SEASON TRAINING CAMP WEEKEND

ACCESS TO HUDL VIDEO PLATFORM

SEASON COST: \$7,100.00

12UAAA (2014)

HEAD COACH: GRANT GALLO

ASSISTANT COACH: GINO DEBLASIIS

EVENT BUDGET: 10 HOME GAMES & 6 EVENTS

LEAGUE: INDEPENDENT

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES / 1-WEEKLY PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

WORKOUT/VIDEO: WEEKLY DRYLAND TRAINING & VIDEO SESSION

TWO HIGH PERFORMANCE PRACTICE WEEKENDS

PRE-SEASON TRAINING CAMP WEEKEND

ACCESS TO HUDL VIDEO PLATFORM

SEASON COST: \$6,750.00

14UAAA (2012)

HEAD COACH: JOEY STRADA

ASSISTANT COACH: BRENTON BLASKIE

EVENT BUDGET: 10 HOME GAMES & 6 EVENTS

LEAGUE: INDEPENDENT

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: TWO DRYLAND TRAINING SESSIONS & ONE VIDEO SESSION WEEKLY

TWO HIGH PERFORMANCE PRACTICE WEEKENDS

PRE-SEASON TRAINING CAMP WEEKEND

ACCESS TO HUDL VIDEO PLATFORM

SEASON COST: \$7,100.00

EARN THE CROWN



TIER 1 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

15UAAA (2011)

HEAD COACH: KEVIN SMITH

ASSISTANT COACH: ALEX DRULIA

EVENT BUDGET: 8 HOME GAMES & 7 EVENTS

LEAGUE: INDEPENDENT

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: TWO DRYLAND TRAINING SESSIONS & ONE VIDEO SESSION WEEKLY

THREE HIGH PERFORMANCE PRACTICE WEEKENDS

PRE-SEASON TRAINING CAMP WEEKEND

ACCESS TO HUDL + INSTANT VIDEO PLATFORM

SEASON COST: \$7,300.00

16UAAA (2010)

HEAD COACH: KEVIN SMITH

ASSISTANT COACH: ALEX DRULIA

EVENT BUDGET: 8 HOME GAMES & 7 EVENTS

LEAGUE: INDEPENDENT

PRACTICE: 3-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: TWO DRYLAND TRAINING SESSIONS & ONE VIDEO SESSION WEEKLY

THREE HIGH PERFORMANCE PRACTICE WEEKENDS

PRE-SEASON TRAINING CAMP WEEKEND

ACCESS TO HUDL + INSTANT VIDEO PLATFORM

SEASON COST: \$7,900.00

18UAAA (2008-2009)

HEAD COACH: MIKE BUSTO

ASSISTANT COACH: TOM MENSFORTH

ASSISTANT COACH: BRENDAN LOGAN

ASSISTANT COACH: GRANT GALLO

EVENT BUDGET: 8 HOME GAMES & 7 EVENTS

LEAGUE: INDEPENDENT

PRACTICE: 3-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: TWO DRYLAND TRAINING SESSIONS & ONE VIDEO SESSION WEEKLY

THREE HIGH PERFORMANCE PRACTICE WEEKENDS

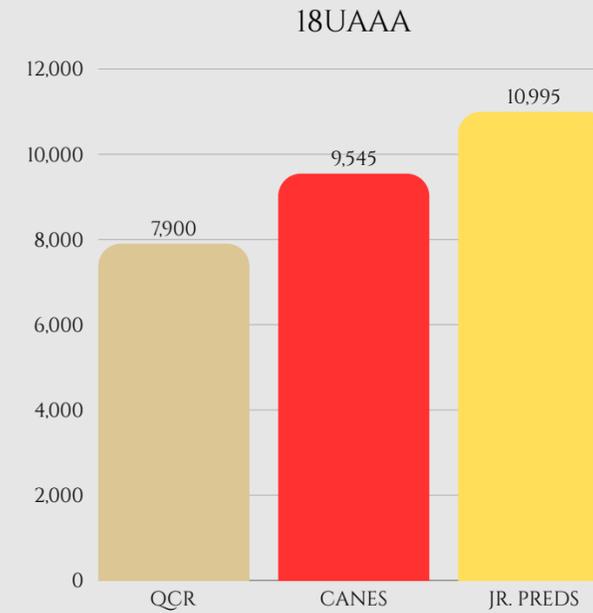
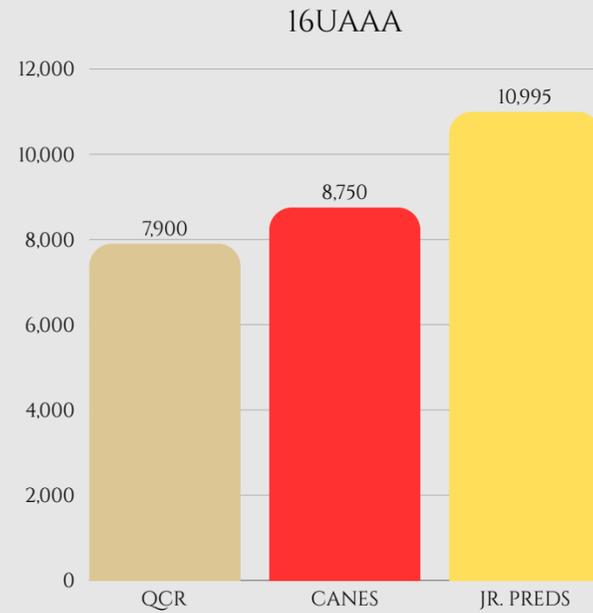
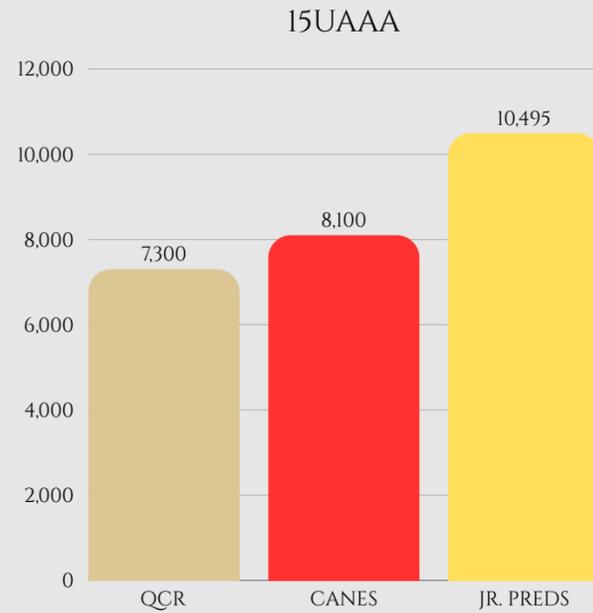
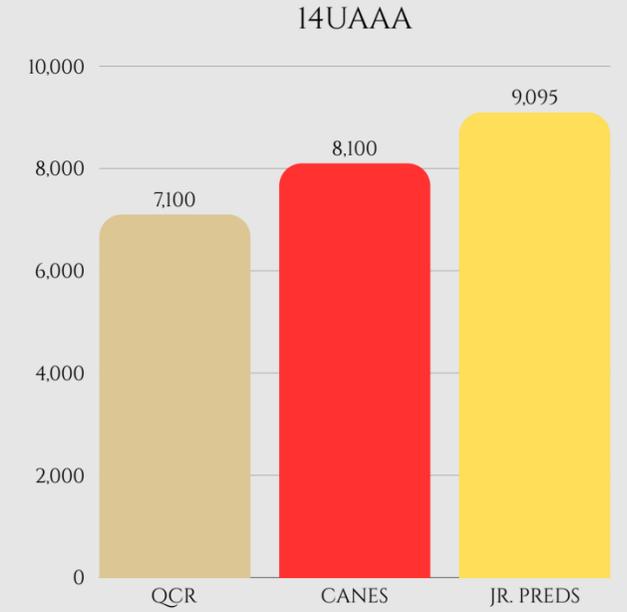
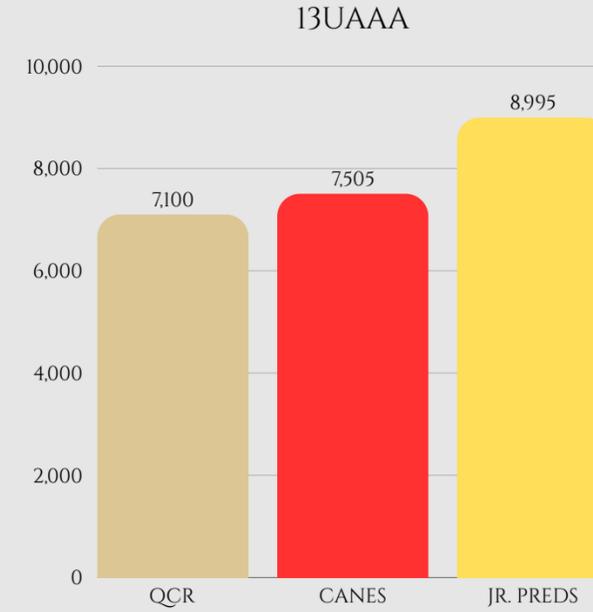
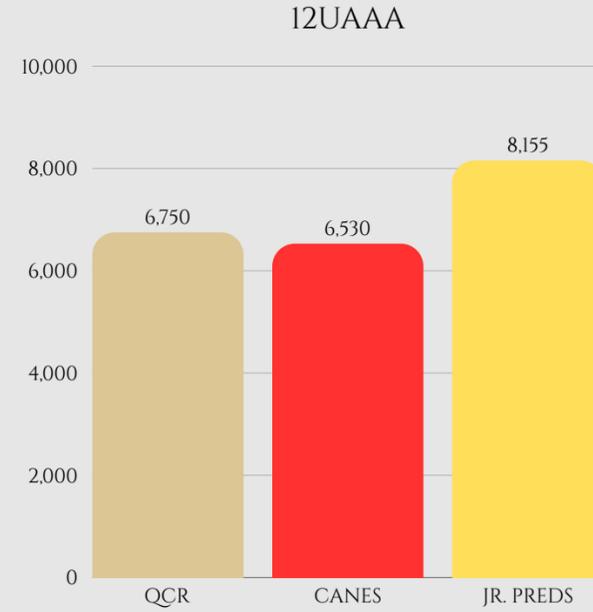
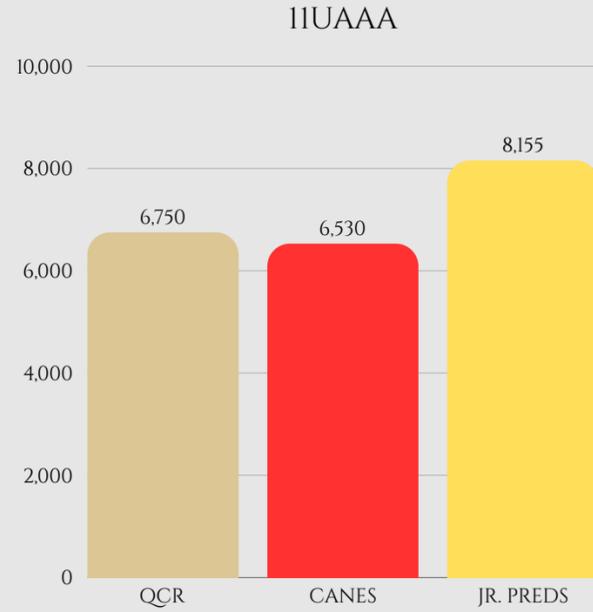
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TIER 1 (AAA) PRICE COMPARISON



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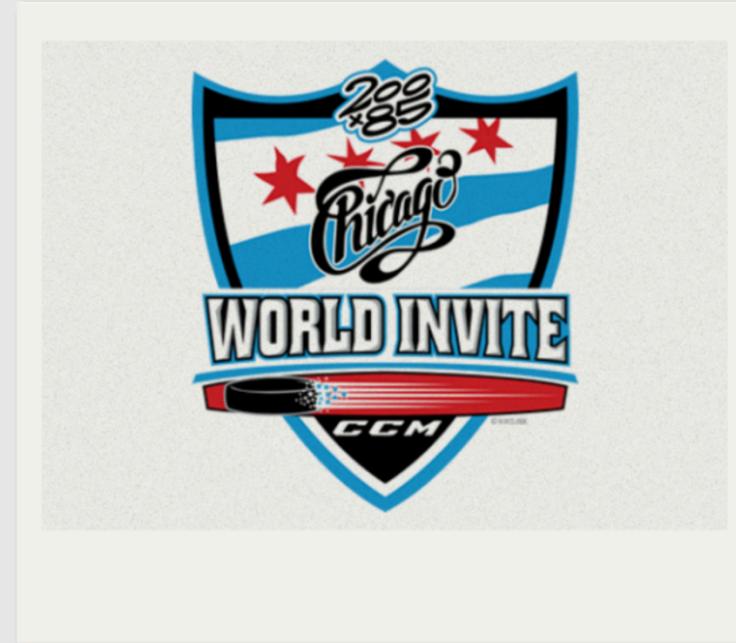
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PROJECTED EVENTS FOR TIER 2

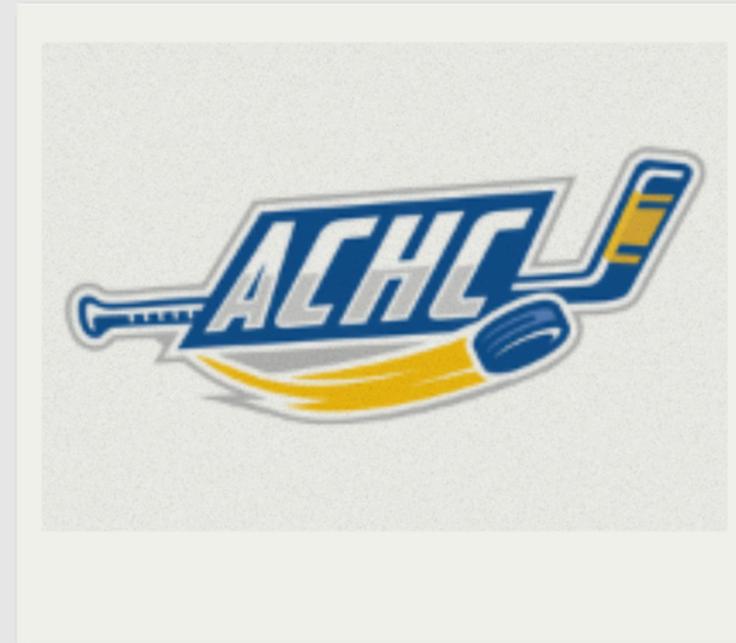
PROJECTED AA EVENTS

- MYHOCKEY CHARLOTTE AND CHARLESTON
- CCM CHICAGO
- CAN AM LAKE PLACID
- ACHC LEAGUE PLAY



PROJECTED A EVENTS

- MYHOCKEY CHARLOTTE AND CHARLESTON
- ACHC OR CHL LEAGUE PLAY



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COACHING BIOGRAPHIES - 10UAA & 12UAA

SASHA MAKAROV (10UAA)

COACH SASHA MAKAROV GREW UP IN INDIAN TRAIL, JUST STEPS FROM THE EXTREME ICE CENTER, WHERE HE BEGAN HIS HOCKEY JOURNEY IN 2006.

HE PLAYED YOUTH HOCKEY THROUGHOUT THE CAROLINAS UNTIL AGE SEVENTEEN, BEFORE PURSUING A COLLEGIATE HOCKEY CAREER. HIS PATH INCLUDED THREE SEASONS IN JUNIOR HOCKEY WITH THE USPHL AND THE EHL. SASHA ACHIEVED HIS GOAL OF PLAYING AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL, SPENDING TWO SEASONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE BEFORE COMPLETING HIS NCAA CAREER AT ANNA MARIA COLLEGE DURING HIS JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEARS.

FOLLOWING HIS PLAYING CAREER, SASHA RETURNED TO THE RINK WHERE IT ALL BEGAN TO COACH YOUTH HOCKEY. SINCE 2020, HE HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING PLAYERS OF ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS ACROSS THE CAROLINAS, COMBINING HIS EXPERIENCE AND PASSION TO HELP EACH ATHLETE REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

MIKE LORUSSO (12UAA)

COACH MIKE IS A LEVEL 5 USA HOCKEY-CERTIFIED COACH WITH OVER 15 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE DEVELOPING YOUTH ATHLETES ACROSS MULTIPLE AGE GROUPS AND COMPETITIVE LEVELS. FORMERLY A HEAD COACH WITH CPH, HE IS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS HIGH-ENERGY COACHING STYLE AND HIS FOCUS ON CULTIVATING HABITS OF PREPARATION, RESILIENCE, AND TEAMWORK THAT EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE RINK.

MIKE'S COACHING PHILOSOPHY IS SHAPED BY HIS EXPERIENCE IN ELITE HOCKEY ENVIRONMENTS AS WELL AS MORE THAN 20 SEASONS OF LEADERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL MOTORSPORTS, BRINGING A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON PERFORMANCE, DISCIPLINE, AND ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT.



COACHING BIOGRAPHIES - 14UAA, 16UAA, & 18UAA

NICK POPP (14UAA AND 16UAA)

NICK POPP BRINGS EXTENSIVE PLAYING AND COACHING EXPERIENCE TO THE RINK. HE PLAYED TWO SEASONS OF JUNIOR HOCKEY IN THE USPHL PREMIER WITH THE CHARLESTON COLONIALS, COMPETING AGAINST TOP-TIER JUNIOR TALENT AND HONING HIS SKILLS AT A HIGH LEVEL. AFTER HIS PLAYING CAREER, NICK TRANSITIONED INTO COACHING, DEDICATING SEVERAL YEARS TO DEVELOPING PLAYERS AND BUILDING COMPETITIVE TEAMS. HE SPENT ONE SEASON WITH THE CHARLESTON JR. STINGRAYS, HELPING GUIDE THE TEAM TO A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

FOR THE PAST SIX SEASONS, NICK HAS COACHED WITH THE QUEEN CITY ROYALS ORGANIZATION, CONTRIBUTING TO THE GROWTH OF YOUTH HOCKEY IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA AND MENTORING PLAYERS ACROSS ALL LEVELS. MOST RECENTLY, HE SERVED AS HEAD COACH OF A 14UAAA TEAM THAT CAPTURED THE NC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE 2025-2026 SEASON.

CONRAD THIBAUT (18UAA)

COACH C.J. BEGAN HIS HOCKEY JOURNEY AS A PLAYER IN TEXAS AND PENNSYLVANIA. IN 2010, HE WON A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WITH THE MARS PLANETS BEFORE CONTINUING HIS CAREER AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL. C.J. WENT ON TO PLAY FIVE SEASONS OF ACHC HOCKEY WITH THE GANNON GOLDEN KNIGHTS, GAINING EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE COMPETING AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL.

FOLLOWING HIS PLAYING CAREER, HE TRANSITIONED INTO COACHING, STARTING WITH FOUR SEASONS AT HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL IN OHIO. SINCE 2020, C.J. HAS BEEN A KEY COACH WITH THE QUEEN CITY ROYALS IN CHARLOTTE, LEADING OVER 200 GAMES FOR THE ORGANIZATION.

THROUGHOUT HIS COACHING CAREER, C.J. HAS HELPED MORE THAN 25 PLAYERS ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL, INCLUDING JUNIOR HOCKEY AND NCAA DIVISION III AND ACHC COLLEGIATE OPPORTUNITIES.



TIER 2 AA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

10UAA (2016-2017)

HEAD COACH: SASHA MAKAROV

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES / 1 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

WORKOUT/VIDEO: 1X DRYLAND TRAINING / BI-WEEKLY VIDEO

SEASON COST: \$5,300.00

14UAA (2012-2013)

HEAD COACH: NICK POPP

ASSISTANT COACH: BEN BRAYNIN

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES / 1 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

WORKOUT/VIDEO: 1X DRYLAND TRAINING / BI-WEEKLY VIDEO

ACCESS TO HUDL VIDEO PLATFORM

SEASON COST: \$5,800.00

12UAA (2014-2015)

HEAD COACH: MIKE LORUSSO

ASSISTANT COACH: SASHA MAKAROV

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES / 1 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

WORKOUT/VIDEO: 1X DRYLAND TRAINING / BI-WEEKLY VIDEO

SEASON COST: \$5,300.00

16UAA (2010-2011)

HEAD COACH: NICK POPP

ASSISTANT COACH: BEN BRAYNIN

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES / 1 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

WORKOUT/VIDEO: 1X DRYLAND TRAINING / BI-WEEKLY VIDEO

ACCESS TO HUDL VIDEO PLATFORM

SEASON COST: \$5,800.00

18UAA (2008-2009)

HEAD COACH: CONRAD THIBAUT

EVENT BUDGET: 10 HOME GAMES & 5 EVENTS

LEAGUE: INDEPENDENT

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: 1X DRYLAND TRAINING / BI-WEEKLY VIDEO

ACCESS TO HUDL VIDEO PLATFORM

SEASON COST: \$5,500.00

** ADDITIONAL AA TEAMS MAY BE FORMED AT THE COMPLETION OF TRYOUTS **

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TIER 2 A PROGRAM OVERVIEW - SOUTH

10UB (2016-2017)

HEAD COACH: TBD

EVENT BUDGET: 6 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: INDEPENDENT

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$4,600.00

10UA (2016-2017)

HEAD COACH: RYAN LOVELACE

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC OR CHL

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$4,900.00

12UA (2014-2015)

HEAD COACH: JEFF HOLDENRID

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC OR CHL

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$4,900.00

14UA (2012-2013)

HEAD COACH: JOE GOUDREAU

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC OR CHL

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$5,100.00

16UA (2010-2011)

HEAD COACH: STEVE BURGESS

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC OR CHL

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$5,100.00

18UA (2008-2009)

HEAD COACH: CODY ANDREANO

EVENT BUDGET: 10 HOME GAMES & 5 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC

PRACTICE: 1-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICE

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$4,800.00



TIER 2 A PROGRAM OVERVIEW - NORTH

10UA (2016-2017)

HEAD COACH: DAVID WOOL

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC OR CHL

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$4,900.00

12UA (2014-2015)

HEAD COACH: GEORGE THOMPSON

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC OR CHL

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$4,900.00

14UA (2012-2013)

HEAD COACH: NICK COLOMBO

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC OR CHL

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$5,100.00

16UA (2010-2011)

HEAD COACH: CAMERON MECCA

EVENT BUDGET: 12 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: ACHC OR CHL

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$5,100.00



GIRLS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

10U / 12U GIRLS (2014-2017)

HEAD COACH: KELSEY NEUMANN

EVENT BUDGET: 6 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: NGHL

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$4,600.00

14U / 16U GIRLS (2010-2013)

HEAD COACH: ALEXIS GRAY

ASSISTANT COACH: BOBBY THOMAS

ASSISTANT COACH: MAKENNA WEBSTER

EVENT BUDGET: 6 HOME GAMES & 4 EVENTS

LEAGUE: NGHL

PRACTICE: 2-WEEKLY TEAM PRACTICES

WORKOUT/VIDEO: BI-WEEKLY VIDEO & DRYLAND

SEASON COST: \$5,200.00



COACHING BIOGRAPHIES - GIRLS PROGRAM

LAURA LUNDBLAD (GIRLS HOCKEY DIRECTOR)

LAURA LUNDBLAD IS THE GIRLS HOCKEY DIRECTOR FOR THE QCR, BRINGING ELITE PLAYING EXPERIENCE AND EXTENSIVE COACHING EXPERTISE.

SHE PLAYED FOUR YEARS OF DIVISION I HOCKEY AT QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY, EARNED HER MBA, AND PLAYED PROFESSIONALLY IN GERMANY.

WITH NINE YEARS OF COACHING EXPERIENCE AND AS FOUNDER OF ASPIRE HOCKEY CONSULTING, LAURA DEVELOPS PLAYERS THROUGH ON-ICE TRAINING, VIDEO ANALYSIS, STRENGTH WORK, AND PREP SCHOOL GUIDANCE, FOSTERING CONFIDENT, COMPETITIVE ATHLETES AND ADVANCING GIRLS' HOCKEY PATHWAYS.

KELSEY NEUMANN (HEAD COACH 10U / 12U)

KELSEY NEUMANN IS THE HEAD COACH OF THE GIRLS 10/12U GIRLS PROGRAM, BRINGING A TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GAME TO OUR YOUNG ATHLETES.

A FORMER PROFESSIONAL GOALTENDER WITH THE BUFFALO BEAUTS, SHE SPENT 4 SEASONS COMPETING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

KELSEY IS PASSIONATE ABOUT DEVELOPING YOUNG ATHLETES, FOCUSING ON STRONG FUNDAMENTALS, CONFIDENCE, AND A GENUINE LOVE FOR THE GAME. HER COACHING STYLE EMPHASIZES SKILL DEVELOPMENT, POSITIVITY, AND HELPING PLAYERS GROW BOTH ON AND OFF THE ICE.



COACHING BIOGRAPHIES - GIRLS PROGRAM

ALEXIS GRAY (HEAD COACH 14U / 16U)

ALEXIS GRAY IS THE HEAD COACH OF THE 14U/16U AA GIRLS PROGRAM, BRINGING A LIFELONG PASSION FOR HOCKEY.

SHE PLAYED WITH THE JR. THRASHERS, TPH, AND THE SOUTHERN FLYERS, GAINING EXPERIENCE IN ELITE, HIGH-PERFORMANCE ENVIRONMENTS THAT SHAPED HER WELL-ROUNDED APPROACH TO THE GAME.

OVER THE PAST TWO SEASONS WITH THE QCR, ALEXIS HAS LED MULTIPLE TEAMS WHILE BUILDING A CULTURE OF GROWTH, TRUST, AND ACCOUNTABILITY. HER PLAYER-FIRST PHILOSOPHY EMPHASIZES DEVELOPMENT, EMPOWERMENT, AND HELPING YOUNG WOMEN SUCCEED IN HOCKEY AND IN LIFE.

MAKENNA WEBSTER (ASSISTANT COACH)

MAKENNA WEBSTER IS A DUAL-SPORT ATHLETE WHO COMPETED AT BOTH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AND THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, WINNING A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WITH EACH PROGRAM.

AT OSU, SHE WAS A MEMBER OF BOTH THE WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM AND FIELD HOCKEY TEAM. WEBSTER WAS ALSO A 3-TIME MEDALIST WITH THE U18 U.S WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL TEAM.

SHE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE U.S WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY TEAM AND WAS DRAFTED BY THE PWHL NEW YORK SIRENS.

BOBBY THOMAS (ASSISTANT COACH)

AS A LEVEL 4 USA HOCKEY COACH, BOBBY IS ENTERING HIS 6TH SEASON COACHING WITH THE QCR GIRLS PROGRAM. IN ADDITION TO COACHING, HE IS ALWAYS ACTIVE ON THE ICE AS A PLAYER AND LEVEL 4 USA HOCKEY OFFICIAL.

BOBBY IS COMMITTED TO HELPING EACH ATHLETE DEVELOP TO THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL THROUGHOUT THE SEASON BOTH ON AND OFF THE ICE.



GOALIE DEVELOPMENT



GOALIE DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS ARE HELD WEEKLY, PROVIDING FOCUSED INSTRUCTION DESIGNED TO ENHANCE GOALTENDERS' SKILLS, TECHNIQUE, AND GAME AWARENESS. SESSIONS INCORPORATE A COMBINATION OF PUDDLE ICE AND FULL-ICE DRILLS DURING TEAM PRACTICES, ALLOWING GOALIES TO WORK ON BOTH POSITION-SPECIFIC FUNDAMENTALS AND IN-GAME SCENARIOS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE EXPERT GUIDANCE FROM OUR EXPERIENCED GOALIE INSTRUCTORS, CHRISTIAN PAVLAS AND BRYAN HOLMBERG, WHO BRING EXTENSIVE PLAYING AND COACHING EXPERIENCE TO EVERY SESSION. THESE SESSIONS ARE TAILORED FOR GOALIES OF ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON REFLEXES, POSITIONING, PUCK TRACKING, AND OVERALL CONFIDENCE IN THE NET.

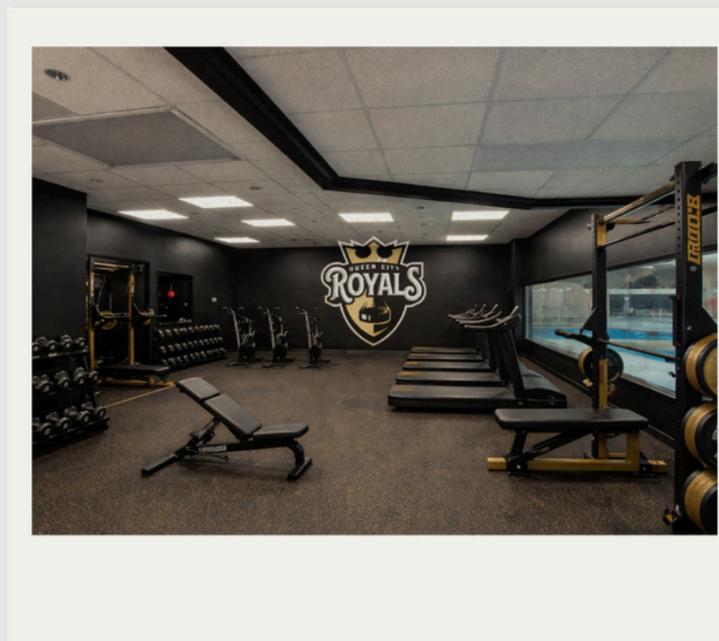
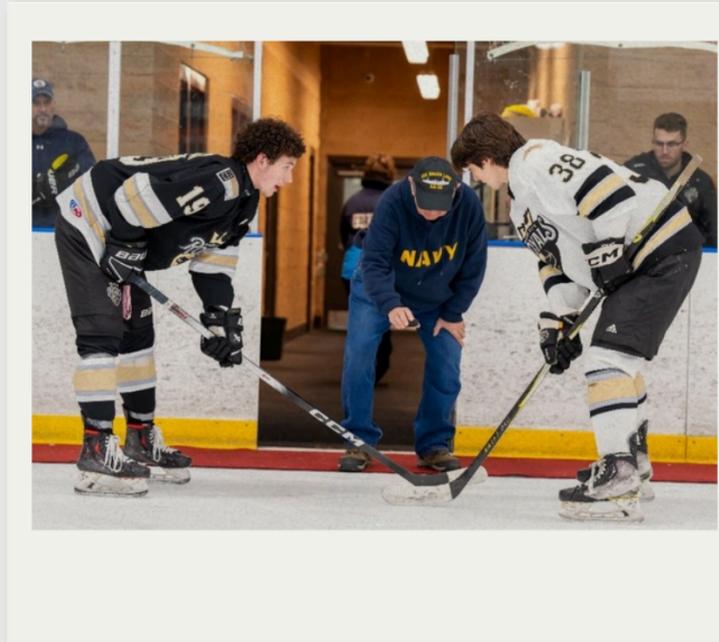
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CONTINUED GROWTH FOR 2026-2027

AS OUR PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW, WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO ENHANCING PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OUR PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. RECENT INITIATIVES INCLUDE A NEW DESIGNATED OFF-ICE FACILITY WITHIN EXTREME ICE CENTER, EXPANDED USE OF HUDL AND INSTAT FOR VIDEO ANALYSIS, AND CONTINUED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT THROUGH EVENTS AND SERVICE INITIATIVES.

- INVESTING IN CURRENT AND FUTURE COACHING STAFF, ADMINISTRATORS, AND HOCKEY PERSONNEL.
- DESIGNATED OFF-ICE FACILITY WITHIN THE EXTREME ICE CENTER.
- HUDL + INSTAT FOR 15U, 16U, & 18U AAA TEAMS
- HUDL FOR OUR 14U, 16U, & 18U AA TEAMS.
- CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY:
 - VETERANS DAY GAME
 - ORGANIZATION OF FOOD DRIVES
 - ADOPTION OF FAMILIES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME



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QUEEN CITY ROYALS APPAREL

MANDATORY APPAREL PACKAGE FOR TIER 1 PLAYERS

INCLUDES:

- WORKOUT SHIRT & SHORTS
- BAUER PUFFER JACKET
- QCR POLO
- QCR GLOVES

COST: \$350.00

NEW TIER 1 PLAYER PACKAGE

INCLUDES:

- HOME & AWAY JERSEYS
- QCR HOCKEY BAG

COST: \$325.00

** DOES NOT INCLUDE MANDATORY APPAREL PACKAGE **

** \$200 TOTAL FOR ANY RETURNING PLAYER IN NEED OF NEW JERSEYS **

** \$100 FOR A QUEEN CITY ROYALS HOCKEY BAG**

** \$50 LATE FEE IF GAME JERSEYS ARE ORDERED AFTER JUNE 15TH **

MANDATORY APPAREL PACKAGE FOR TIER 2 / GIRLS PLAYERS

INCLUDES:

- WORKOUT SHIRT & SHORTS
- QCR TRACK SUIT

COST: \$185.00

NEW TIER 2 / GIRLS PLAYER PACKAGE

INCLUDES:

- HOME & AWAY JERSEYS
- QCR HOCKEY BAG

COST: \$325.00

** DOES NOT INCLUDE MANDATORY APPAREL PACKAGE **

TEAM FEE INCLUDED APPAREL:

- PRACTICE JERSEYS
- PRACTICE SOCKS
- GAME SOCKS

** ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE BLACK HELMETS AND ALL BLACK/QCR GLOVES BY AUGUST 15TH **

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TIER 1 TRYOUTS

11U

APRIL 3RD: 9:00AM - 10:00AM
 APRIL 3RD: 2:30PM - 3:30PM
 APRIL 4TH: 8:00AM - 9:00AM

13U

APRIL 3RD: 11:20AM - 12:20PM
 APRIL 3RD: 4:50PM - 5:50PM
 APRIL 4TH: 10:20AM - 11:20AM

15U

APRIL 3RD: 4:00PM - 5:20PM
 APRIL 4TH: 12:30PM - 1:50PM
 APRIL 4TH: 6:10PM - 7:10PM

18U

APRIL 3RD: 7:10PM - 8:30PM
 APRIL 4TH: 3:30PM - 4:50PM
 APRIL 4TH: 8:30PM - 9:30PM

12U

APRIL 3RD: 10:10AM - 11:10AM
 APRIL 3RD: 3:40PM - 4:40PM
 APRIL 4TH: 9:10AM - 10:10AM

14U

APRIL 3RD: 1:00PM - 2:20PM
 APRIL 4TH: 11:30AM - 12:50PM
 APRIL 4TH: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

16U

APRIL 3RD: 5:30PM - 6:50PM
 APRIL 4TH: 2:00PM - 3:20PM
 APRIL 4TH: 7:20PM - 8:20PM

GOALIES

APRIL 3RD: 12:30PM - 1:30PM
 (11U, 12U, & 16U)
 APRIL 3RD: 6:00PM - 7:00PM
 (13U, 14U, 15U, & 18U)

TIER 2 TRYOUTS

10U

MAY 1ST: 5:00PM - 6:00PM
 MAY 2ND: 9:00AM - 10:00AM
 MAY 2ND: 1:40PM - 2:40PM

14U

MAY 1ST: 6:10PM - 7:30PM
 MAY 2ND: 1:40PM - 3:00PM
 MAY 2ND: 6:20PM - 7:20PM

18U

MAY 1ST: 7:20PM - 8:20PM
 MAY 2ND: 5:10PM - 6:10PM

14U/16U GIRLS

MAY 1ST: 8:30PM - 9:30PM
 MAY 2ND: 2:50PM - 3:50PM

12U

MAY 1ST: 6:10PM - 7:10PM
 MAY 2ND: 11:20AM - 12:20PM
 MAY 2ND: 4:00PM - 5:00PM

16U

MAY 1ST: 7:40PM - 9:00PM
 MAY 2ND: 3:10PM - 4:30PM
 MAY 2ND: 7:30PM - 8:30PM

10U/12U GIRLS

MAY 1ST: 5:00PM - 6:00PM
 MAY 2ND: 10:10AM - 11:10AM

ALL GOALIES

MAY 2ND: 12:30PM - 1:30PM



TRYOUT PROCESS

EVALUATORS

TIER 1: QCR STAFF & INDEPENDENT EVALUATORS (TBD)

TIER 2: QCR STAFF & INDEPENDENT EVALUATORS (TBD)

HOW WILL WE BE NOTIFIED?

- SOME PLAYERS MAY RECEIVE EARLY OFFERS BEFORE TRYOUTS CONCLUDE
- ALL PLAYERS WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL WITHIN 24 HOURS OF TRYOUT COMPLETION
- PLAYERS WILL HAVE 48 HOURS TO ACCEPT AND SUBMIT THEIR NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
- IF YOUR SKATER IS NOT SELECTED, THEY WILL BE INVITED TO TRYOUT AT THE NEXT LEVEL

APPAREL SIZING

ALL APPAREL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SIZING AT TRYOUTS. FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE LEAVING THE RINK.

KEY TRYOUT DATES

- AAA: APRIL 3RD & 4TH (SECONDARY TRY-OUT DATE IS POSSIBLE, TBD)
- AA: MAY 1ST & 2ND
- A: (PINEVILLE/XIC) MAY 9TH & 10TH



SOUTHERN PROSPECTS HOCKEY ACADEMY



THE ACADEMY MODEL

THE SOUTHERN PROSPECTS HOCKEY ACADEMY (SPHA) PROVIDES STUDENT-ATHLETES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ELITE HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT REQUIRING THEM TO LEAVE HOME AT A YOUNG AGE. HIGH-LEVEL HOCKEY TRAINING DEMANDS SIGNIFICANT ICE TIME, A RESOURCE THAT IS LIMITED IN THE CHARLOTTE MARKET. OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, HOCKEY ACADEMIES WORLDWIDE HAVE BECOME THE MOST PREVALENT AND EFFECTIVE MODEL FOR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, AND SPHA BRINGS THIS PROVEN APPROACH TO THE REGION.

- DAILY ON AND OFF-ICE DEVELOPMENT
- SKILL PROGRESSION
- QUARTERLY GUEST SPEAKERS.
- VIDEO REVIEW.
- COMMUNITY SERVICE.

QUEEN CITY ROYALS PARENT NIGHT ZOOM



TIER 1 INFORMATIONAL ZOOM

APRIL 1ST @ 7PM

CONTACT MIKE BUSTO WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT
MIKEB@QCRHOCKEY.COM

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