



WELCOME TO THE WALLINGFORD HAWKS

2026–27

“We strive to develop better hockey players and even better people through the experiences of youth hockey.”

— WALLINGFORD HAWKS MISSION



NEW HAWKS, IT'S TIME TO TAKE FLIGHT.

Skaters of all abilities belong here—ready to build skills, hockey knowledge and teamwork together.

1 ALL ABILITIES

You belong here. Coaches help you learn from where you are today.

2 SKILL-BUILDING

Grow your balance, edges, stopping, puck control, passing and shooting.

3 HOCKEY KNOWLEDGE

Learn through fun challenges, puck touches and game-like play.

4 TEAMWORK

Support teammates, try new things and celebrate progress together.

5 HOCKEY READY!

Knees bent • Head up • Two hands on your stick • Blade on the ice

WHISTLE

Stop skating • Stick down • Eyes on your coach • Listen

BEFORE YOUR PLAYER STEPS ON THE ICE

1 ARRIVE EARLY

Plan for 25–30 minutes; young players need time.

2 BATHROOM FIRST

Do this before dressing in full equipment.

3 LABEL EVERYTHING

Especially helmet, gloves, stick and water bottle.

4 SKATE READY

Remove hard guards before ice; dry blades afterward.

FULL GEAR. PROPER FIT.

- Hockey helmet with full face protection
- Neck laceration protector
- Shoulder + elbow pads
- Hockey gloves
- Hockey pants + protective cup/pelvic protector
- Shin guards + hockey socks
- Skates, stick and water bottle

HAWK TALK WHAT FAMILIES CAN EXPECT THROUGHOUT LTP

AT-HOME SKILLS

Safe puck touches, balance and movement games.

PLAYER HABITS

Hydration, snacks, sleep and rink-day routines.

GEAR HELP

Fit, dressing order, skate care and bag habits.

PARENT GUIDANCE

Praise effort, cheer positively, let coaches teach + share needs or wins.

HOCKEY 101

Rink language, positions, rules and game basics.

THE NEXT STEP

Readiness signs and the path to 8U/House hockey.

COME FLY WITH THE HAWKS • SKILL-BUILDING • HOCKEY KNOWLEDGE • TEAMWORK



MEET THE HAWKS LTP COACHES

THE PEOPLE HELPING YOUR PLAYER LEARN, GROW + LOVE THE GAME

2026-27 LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

RC

RC LETKOWSKI

LEARN TO PLAY COACH

RC has been involved in hockey for over 40 years and has coached at every level from Learn to Skate through Tier I U18. He is a Level 4 registered coach and official. Hockey has been an important part of his life, and RC welcomes the opportunity to share his experience and passion for the game with the Wallingford Hawks. His goal is to help new skaters build confidence, develop fundamental skills, and discover the same enjoyment of hockey that has kept him involved in the sport for so many years.

BK

BLAIR KAVANAGH

LEARN TO PLAY COACH

Blair is in his 9th year with the Hawks, with several seasons as an Assistant Coach for Mites through Bantams and facilitator for the Learn-to-Play hockey program. Blair is excited to continue investing in the organization as a head coach, leading our players in continued development through structured, high intensity instruction on & off the ice, and constructive feedback.

DC

DREW CHORZEMPA

LEARN TO PLAY COACH

Drew has coached Learn-to-Play programs with the Wallingford Hawks, Jr. Rangers and Jr. Wolfpack, and in LTP programs in Shelton, Cromwell, and Newington. Drawing on broad LTP experience and a lifelong passion for hockey, he creates energetic, encouraging sessions where first-time players feel comfortable taking chances, building fundamentals, and having fun. Drew's goal is to help every young Hawk grow in confidence, connect with teammates, and leave the rink excited to come back.

SA

SCOTT ALBRACCIO

LEARN TO PLAY COACH

Scott is a Level 4 coach who is excited to return to Learn to Play, where young players are eager, coachable, and ready to absorb the fundamentals the right way. With 16 years of experience developing players from Learn to Skate through Midgets, he understands the difference between truly coaching young players and managing older ones. Scott embraces the opportunity to help build a strong foundation for the next level of young Hawks players.

WHAT LTP SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

SAFE LISTENING • COURAGE TO TRY • GROWING CONFIDENCE • EXCITED TO RETURN

Progress is personal. Effort, courage and enjoyment come before comparison.

HAWKS RINK TALK

10 LTP CUES TO KNOW

BEND YOUR KNEES	athletic stance for balance + control
HOCKEY READY	knees bent, head up, two hands, blade down
WHISTLE	stop safely, stick down, eyes on coach, listen
EDGES	blade edges used for turning and stopping
WRISTS	roll or snap them to guide shots and passes

HEAD UP	look where you are going and see the ice
TWO HANDS	keep both hands on the stick for control
BOARDS	the wall around the rink; also a drill landmark
RED DOTS	rink markers used to line up or begin drills
RED + BLUE LINES	colored ice lines used as drill landmarks

HAWKS CALENDAR

FIRST WEEKEND

SAT
12
SEP

8:00 AM
PRACTICE

(1h)

Learn to Play Northford

SUN
13
SEP

8:00 AM
PRACTICE

(1h)

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FULL SCHEDULE

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Program facts: WHawks.com • Player safety: USA Hockey