



JANESVILLE YOUTH HOCKEY

COACHES MEETING

2026-2027 SEASON Start of Season

ONE PROGRAM. ONE STANDARD.

— OUR PURPOSE

WHY WE ARE HERE

We prepare players for the next level — and for life.

01



DEVELOP GREAT HOCKEY PLAYERS

Skills, habits and hockey sense.

02



DEVELOP GREAT PEOPLE

Character that outlasts the season.

03



COMPETE. HAVE FUN. WIN THE DAY.

Every practice, every game.

— OUR IDENTITY

HOW WE PLAY



FAST

We play with pace and purpose.



BACKCHECK

We earn everything we get.



HARD TO PLAY AGAINST

We compete every shift, every day.

THE STANDARD IS THE STANDARD.

HOW WE COACH

- We build skills, habits and hockey sense for long-term success
- Make practices challenging, positive and fun
- Teach players to play fast and make decisions
- Encourage creativity
- Consistency from 10U to 12U to 14U
- Players should know what they need to know before moving up

PROGRESSION

10U

Skills and confidence

12U

Hockey sense and support

14U

Pace and decisions

SAME STANDARD AT EVERY LEVEL.

WHAT WE MODEL



Be prepared. Arrive early.



**Practice plans are done before
you get to the rink**



Model the expectations



**Correct habits without
embarrassing the player**



No arguing with officials



**Appropriate bench and locker
room behavior**

Never undermine another coach in front of players or parents.

WHAT WE TEACH



SKATING



PUCK SKILLS



HOCKEY SENSE



COMPETE



TEAM PLAY



HOCKEY HABITS



TRANSITIONS



SECOND EFFORT



COMMUNICATION



HEADS-UP HOCKEY

— HOW WE PRACTICE

EVERY DRILL HAS A PURPOSE

Maximize puck touches

Minimize standing in lines

Use stations and small area games

Keep explanations short

Compete — and make it fun

Adjust when it isn't working, but be patient

PROGRESSION

SKILL



CONCEPT



COMPETE

— GAME DAY EXPECTATIONS

BE EARLY. BE READY.



**Simple pre-game
Routine**



**Define the roles
of every coach**



**Coach the next
play, not the last
mistake**



**Keep the post-
game message
short**

Teach the details at practice, not on the bench.

WHAT WE ASK OF PLAYERS

DAILY HABITS

Attendance and being on time

Equipment ready

Attitude and Effort

Attention to detail

Compete

RESPECT

Teammates

Opponents

Officials

Coaches

BE PROACTIVE

Hold a preseason
parent meeting

01

Before the season

Use a cooling-off
period after
games

02

After games

Compare another
player's ice time
or performance

03

Never

Communicate
through the
appropriate
channel

04

Always

Escalate when
needed

05

When needed

ONE PROGRESSION, THREE STAGES

10U

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- Skating
- Puck confidence
- Learning to compete
- Basic positioning
- Passing
- Shooting
- Competitive contact
- Offensive and defensive concepts
- Game rules
- Fun and love for the game

12U

ALL OF 10U, PLUS

- Hockey sense
- Puck support
- Playing without the puck
- Body positioning
- Transition hockey
- Advanced offensive and defensive concepts
- Offensive zone and defensive zone tactics
- Advanced angling
- Increased accountability

14U

ALL OF 10U AND 12U, PLUS

- Pace
- Decision-making
- Situational hockey
- Advanced concepts
- Advanced competitive contact
- Leadership
- Preparation for high school hockey

ONE STAFF, ONE MESSAGE



Get them involved



Clearly define everyone's role



Assign practice and game responsibilities



Disagreements happen privately

PRESENT ONE MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS.

— TEAM CULTURE

ATTITUDE. EFFORT. ACCOUNTABILITY.

Define team standards together

Handle adversity the right way – no
blaming, no excuses

Create an environment players want
to come back to

WE KEEP GETTING BETTER TOO



Attend clinics and keep learning



Share drills and practice plans



Observe, learn, ask questions



Give and receive feedback

DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF COACHES.

NON-NEGOTIABLES



USA Hockey registration and certifications



SafeSport and background screening



Concussion protocol and injury procedures



Locker room and travel policies



**KNOW THE RULES AND
FOLLOW THEM.**

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

HOW WE MEASURE THE SEASON



Players are better in March than
they were in October



Players love coming to the rink



We develop hockey players and
people

WIN THE DAY. WIN THE SEASON. WIN THE RIGHT WAY.



— 2026-2027 SEASON

THANK YOU, COACHES

Let's have the best season yet.

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