

## **16U AA**

The Cincinnati Swords 16U AA team will provide an elite environment for both on-ice and off-ice player development for Midget age athletes (2005 / 2006 birth years) Players will receive top tier coaching and skills development, play a competitive and challenging schedule and receive every opportunity to achieve their hockey goals. Our team philosophy is to create a successful team based on the principle of teamwork /respect for the game, ourselves and other/ good sportsmanship and professionalism. Creating / reinforcing and growing a player's passion and love for the game of hockey in a safe and fun environment is paramount to us achieving our goals.

Our ultimate goal for this program is to provide the team with the proper environment / opportunity to gain an invitation to the USA Hockey Mid-AM Regional tournament. This would give the team the opportunity to win a spot in the USA Hockey National 16U AA - Tournament which would be a once in a lifetime experience for most players during their career.

### **Coaching Staff**

**Head Coach** – Greg Tetzlaff

- Over 20 years of extensive coaching experience in Canada including Bantam / Midget AAA and OJHL (Tier 1 Junior)
- Cincinnati Swords – 10u
- Atlanta Fire – 12u
- San Diego Jr. Gulls – 10u
- 45 years of playing experience including Pee Wee / Bantam / Midget AAA and Tier 1 Junior

**Director Player Development / Assistant Coach** – Danny McDonald

**Conditioning Coach / Assistant Coach** – Marc Schneider

**Manager / Assistant Coach** – Chris Sample

### **Game Schedule**

- Game schedule will be ~50 – 60 games while travelling to Ohio / Michigan / Kentucky / Indiana / Illinois / Pennsylvania and potentially Tennessee

### **Tournament Schedule**

- 4 – 6 Tournaments – potentially Nashville / Chicago / Pittsburg / Detroit
- USA Mid AM Regional - 16U AA (need to be invited – top 6 AA teams in region secure invitation)
- USA National Championships - 16U AA (WINNERS of Regional tournaments secure invitation)
- POTENTIAL for CANADA exhibition games / tournament based on Cross Border travel rules / team consensus

### **Practice Schedule**

- 2 practices per week + dryland training sessions beginning in August
- Summer conditioning program / outline will be supplied and encouraged

**Anticipated Fees** -- \$3100-\$3300 plus the cost of uniforms and travel.