

Kirk Andreae Hockey Prospectus

General Philosophy

Hockey is a game and should be enjoyed. The enjoyment comes from building strong friendships with teammates through hard work, mastering skills and the experiences that can only be gained through competition in practice and in games. I teach each player as an individual and build their confidence in their ability and as a contributor to the team's success.

I believe that a team should consistent practice together in order to build the chemistry that comes from being a skilled player on a competitive team. Hockey players don't remember the wins and losses at the end of a season, they remember the experiences that they have with their teammates.

We will play an overall schedule that is an appropriate level because a season of hard work should have a record that reflects the effort put in by the team. The clearest objective for a youth team is to develop skill, love the game, build friendships and return the next year for more.

Teaching Philosophy

Coaching Philosophy

1. Practice as you play. As often as possible, practice mimics potential game situations
2. Parents, players and coaches should earn an investment on their time. Something is learned every time we come to the rink.
3. Hockey teaches life skills and are identified and translated to the player when appropriate.
4. Focus on building the skills of the individual player and then teach how to apply those skills to a team game.
5. Clear and open communication between players, coaches and parents is essential for a great season.

Hockey practice guidelines

1. No more than 60 second explanation (Keep it moving)
2. Drills must mimic game play or actual situational skills (Repetition)
3. Incorporate as many skills as possible into a drill. (Repetition)
4. The first person must do the drill correctly (visual learning)
5. Correct individuals by taking them aside, not publicly (Respect)
6. No waiting more than 45 sec for a turn (Mentally engaged)
7. Build on existing skill sets (Repetition)
8. A sense of accomplishment is more fun than horseplay

Game Play

1. Teach spacing and movement, not strictly positional play
2. Constantly pressure the puck, fill center lane next
3. Read and react from 1 and 2
4. Lines are built on skill level, not balance

5. Winning is not an objective, it is an outcome from preparation
6. All players will have a role on the team

Targets for the season

1. I have asked for 3 hours of practice per week as a team. Approximately 50 games including 5-6 tournaments.
2. Play a competitive schedule outside of League play. The target is to win more games than we lose.
3. Teach team and individual tactics in order to apply a players existing skill set (forecheck, defensive coverage, breakout, cycling, etc)
4. Read and react positioning (situational based), on ice communication, intelligent pressure of the puck, triangle tactics, gap control, in order to build hockey sense and the understanding of how to use space
5. Players are prepared and willing to take the next step in their development for the next season.
6. Reinforce to the players love and respect for the game.

Biography:

As a player:

Lakeland Hawks AA (Detroit) 1976-1983

Pee Wee State Champions: 1983

Adray League Champions: 1983 (pre-cursor to Little Caesars)

Cincinnati Stingers AA 1984-1989

Bantam AA State Champions: 1985

Silver Stick Regional AA Champions: 1985, 1987, 1988

Union College Dutchmen (ECAC): 1990-1991

As A Coach:

1995-1996 Hamilton Bantam A: Assistant Coach

Was in the first group of coaches to go through the USA Hockey CEP program

1996-1999 Dayton Bluehawks AA/AAA (Tier 2 Mixed Schedule): Head Coach

Put together a team combining Hamilton, Dayton and Cincinnati under the Bluehawks Banner

Silver Stick Regional AA Champions: 1996, 1997, 1998

Ohio State Finalists AA: 1997, 1998, 1999

2013-2014 Cincinnati Sabres U8 (Berigan): Assistant Coach

2014-2017 Cincinnati Swords U8: Head Coach

2017-2018 Cincinnati Swords 2007/2008 Squirt A Travel (BTHL Silver): Head Coach

2018-2019: Cincinnati Swords 2008 Squirt AA Travel Head Coach

League Tournament Champions. Finalist in Irish Cup AA and Rock 'n Roll Cup AA