

## **SwordsU-10 Mixed MYHL Team 2019/2020 Season**

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### **Personal Background**

I was born in Canada and was raised in Newfoundland. Moved to Cincinnati 10 years ago and currently live in Blue Ash. I am professionally trained as a nurse and hold two master's degrees. I have had a life long passion for hockey and have played for over 40 years. I have coached both my boys through their age groups over their playing careers. I am a USA certified level IV hockey coach.

### **Playing Background**

- At 3, started playing on outdoor rinks.
- At 5, started playing in the Metro St John's Hockey league, it is the largest minor hockey organization in the province and there were most of the kids played.
- At 7, played AAA until I was 15.
- At 18, played my last year of competitive hockey for my high school in St John's.

### **Coaching Background – USA Hockey Level IV Certification**

2008-2010 - Head Coach Pee Wee Team in Ridgefield Connecticut

2012 - Present – Head Coach Cincinnati Swords Teams – Various age groups as my boys aged

2014 – 2015 – Swords Commissioner for MYHL

2015 – 2017 – Swords Commissioner High School

2018 – Present – Head Coach LaSalle JV team/Assistant coach LaSalle Varsity team

### **Evaluation Process**

I will select the team and I will have other observers to help with the selection process. The players will be selected on a number of skills from skating, speed, attitude, and effort. There will be drills that help to evaluate these levels.

### **Team**

The team will consist of skaters and goalie(s) as assigned in the selection/tryout process for swords. All players will earn their playing time. The playing time will be based upon effort not performance based. Hockey is not a complicated game, speed wins.

### **Team Philosophy**

I will plan a team on nine forwards and six defensemen with two goalies. I believe the game should be played with speed and lots of passing at both ends of the rink. I believe every team should develop roles that players can slot into and be successful in.

At the individual level each player should have an identified plan that helps them maximize their strengths and develop their opportunities for better performance. I will avoid butting players in situations where they cannot be successful.

### **Coach's Expectations of Players**

- Good sportsmanship
- The will, drive, and determination to improve
- Respect follow teammates and coaches.
- Eager to give the Full Effort and Do Your Best
- Positive and enthusiastic attitude.
- Follow the Swords Code of Conduct

### **Coach's Expectations of Parents**

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Support your children through encouragement
- Be respectful of the coaches in a dignified manner
- Support the Team by volunteering, we will need help
- Have the players to practices, games and off ice activities on time
- Communicate in advance if your player cannot be present or will be late
- Follow the Swords code of conduct

### **Financial Commitment**

- As per the Swords organization fee structure and expectations.

### **Team Objectives:**

- Make it a fun season to remember in the memories for the players and parents!
- As U 10 players to continue to learn/develop basic hockey skills of:
  - Passing
  - Skating
  - Shooting
  - Game sense
- Build teamwork and leadership skills
- Develop great competition skills while remaining great sportsman conduct

### **Team rules**

- Players should be at the rink one hour before game times for warm up and chalk talk
- All players will be expected to follow Swords code of conduct
- Ice time is a privilege not a right. Players who choose to not follow rules or accept the coaching will have their ice time adjusted accordingly.

I look forward to a fun season of hockey developing the players and building memories that will last a lifetime.