

**2019-2020**

**Swords 2006 Team  
Danny McDonald**

**Playing Experience**

1976-1988 Batavia, NY Ramparts Travel Hockey  
1986-1989 Batavia High School ( state runner ups 1988)  
1989-1992 Rochester Junior Americans ( norEJHL)  
1991-1996 Batavia mens league( BMHL) league champs ( 93-96)  
2000-Present Cincinnati adult hockey league ( CAHL)

**Coaching Experience**

2012-2013 Queen City Hockey Association (Mites)  
2013-2015 Cincinnati Swords- Head coach (Mites) 2015 Ice of March Champs (Mentor,OH)  
2015-2016 Cincinnati Swords -Head Coach (MYHL Olympic Division)  
2016 MYHL Olympic Division Champs, Motown Cup Champs.  
2016-2017 Cincinnati Swords- Head Coach (Squirt AA)  
2016-2017 Music City Champs (Squirt AA).....Nations Cup Champs.... BTHL EOS Runner ups  
2017-2018 Cincinnati Swords- Heads Coach (PeeWee Gold)  
2017-2018 Nations Cup Champs(Detroit)... BTHL Gold EOS Champions  
2018-2019 Cincinnati Swords-Head Coach (PeeWee AA)  
2018-2019 Nations Cup Champs(Detroit)...Gasoline Alley Champs (Indianapolis)..BYHL  
Regular season Champs....BTHL EOS Champs

**Coaching Philosophy**

My goal is to maximize every kids skill set by creating a hard working, fast paced environment. We will start with individual skill development including skating, puckhandling,passing, and shooting drills. After about a month we will start to work on team development including offensive and defensive positioning as well as neutral zone structure.

The team will work with a TEAM first mentality and I plan to develop the team play so all the kids play as a unit and not as individuals. I will develop players in specific areas ( offense vs. defense, wing vs. center) but plan to have enough flexibility to change things to help the overall team. We will have fair playing time for all players but that does not mean equal. Playing time will be structured based on game situations and also on a skaters practice effort and commitment. Being on time and ready to go for practice and games could also affect playing time. Also a players ability to grasp situational game concepts ( positioning in all areas, hockey sense ) as well as effort, discipline and hustle in game and practice can also affect playing time.

I will try to provide an open and transparent coaching style that will not only provide feedback to the individual skater but also the parents and the communication will be key for all to have a successful season. I will offer an open door policy for families to ask questions about their skater. I will require families to follow the 24 hour rule after games.

At this age level of hockey I will try to give the kids an experience that will not only be fun but also will push the kids to give their very best in every aspect on and off the ice. We need a full commitment from all families to have a successful season. With that being said, I encourage

kids to play multiple sports. This develops balance to all parts of the body. I would expect that during hockey season (Sept-Feb.) this hockey team would be your players number 1 commitment. Please discuss the other activities your player is participating in so we can minimize conflicts. If your skater misses too much time, it may have an impact on playing time.

### **Schedule**

The season will begin in mid August and go through March. I have asked for practices to be twice a week. We will include additional time for dryland training. I will decide after tryouts which league the team will play in (BTHL, Independent, Little Caesars). The plan is to play approx. 50-60 games including tournaments.

### **Cost**

The cost for the 2018-19 season will be between \$2,500 - 3,000 plus team apparel (approx. \$300) and travel expenses (hotel, gas, food)

I look forward to having a very talented team this season and developing top athletes in the sport of hockey