

Swords U14 Team 2021-2022 Season

Coach: Kurtis Lindemann

Personal Information

I grew up in Columbus, Pittsburgh and Cleveland. I attended The Ohio State University and have a BS in Computer Science. My background is in the technology field.

I live in Loveland with my wife Presley (who is a costume designer, PTA and band mom) and have three kids Hunter (20), Katie (18) and Claudia (14).

Experience

I was fortunate to play hockey growing up in the Pittsburgh and Cleveland areas during my youth. I started skating when I was 6 and played until I graduated from High School. I played every level from House to AA.

This will be my fifth year coaching hockey and I am excited to be working with some of the players that I coached last year as well as many new faces and families.

Coaching Philosophy

The most important thing is that the kids are having fun. The key to success is focusing on skills development (skating, passing, shooting and team work) throughout the year. The happiest kids are the ones that are working hard and seeing the results from the work that they have put in.

Practices are generally designed with drills and small area games that focus on skills development and wrap up with a scrimmage or another fun game as a reward for hard work. I expect that each player will provide their undivided attention to the coaches and 100% effort on every drill during the small amount of time we will have on the ice each week.

Sportsmanship and team work are life skills that come out of team sports. This means that the team wins and loses together. There is no "weakest link" on our team. It also means that if we win, we do not gloat to the other team about how great we are and if we lose, we congratulate the other team on a great game. Parents are an extremely important part of re-enforcing this behavior.

Families

Families are an important part of the kids having fun at hockey. Hockey is a competitive sport which can at times result in strong emotions on the parts of the coaches, players and families. It is just as important for parents, siblings and other family members to have good sportsmanship as it is for the kids, so please keep that in mind as we grow and improve through the season.

Volunteers are also an important part of a successful team. We will be looking for assistant coaches, "on-ice" helpers, a team manager, scoreboard operators, scorekeepers, help with the penalty box and plenty of other items as the season progresses. Speaking as a former player, it's pretty exciting to have one of your family members be one of the people helping out with the team, so please think about how you can help the team during this season.

Team / Season Plan

- Practices will run mid-September through the end of February.
- Games will start late-October and end with the Playoffs at the end of February.
- Goal is to have 15 Skaters (3 lines) + 2 Goalies
- 2 x 75-minute practices per week
- 40-50 games including pre-season, regular season and tournaments
 - BTHL Seeding Tournament in mid-late October
 - 20 Games in League (depends on league size and requirements)
 - 5 to 10 additional/ non-league games
 - 3 or 4 tournaments
 - o Early November
 - o Early December
 - o MLK Weekend (January)
 - o Presidents Day Weekend (February)
- BTHL End of Season Tournament

Anticipated Team Fees -- \$2000-\$2200 not including uniforms and travel