



Swords U14 Team Prospectus 2021-22 Season

Doug Alcorn

Personal

- Family: Melissa (Wife), Natalie (15), Bradley (12)
- Raised: Cincinnati, OH
- Education: University of Cincinnati; Indiana Wesleyan University
- Profession: Sr. Manager Accounts Payable @ CBTS
- Favorite Teams: Toronto Maple Leafs, FC Cincinnati

Experience

- Head Coach - Cincinnati Swords 2020-2021
- Assistant Coach - Cincinnati Swords 2015-2020
- Level 3 USA Hockey Coaching Certification

Coaching Philosophy

I want to create a challenging, fun and safe environment for the players to develop their skills and knowledge of the game of hockey. Practices will be up-tempo to prepare the players for game speed and situations. We will limit downtime at practice as much as possible to maximize the utilization of our ice time.

Skill development is crucial for each player. My goal this season is for each player to improve their skating, passing and shooting skills along with improving their "Hockey IQ" throughout the season so they better understand positioning in the offensive and defensive zones. Our goalie(s) will receive individual instruction at practice to hone their skills. Finally this season brings body checking into the game for the first time for our 2008 birth year players. We will practice how to both deliver and receive body contact in a safe manner.

Hockey is the ultimate team game and I will work with the players so they know what it means to be a good teammate and on building their leadership skills. I want the lessons they learn this season to carry with them throughout their lives.

I also believe that school always comes first and players must maintain their grades and display good conduct at school.

We will have a team meeting prior to the start of the season so the players & families can get to know each other. I have an open door policy so if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Season Schedule

- 2 practices per week
- Extra practices may be added throughout the season
- We plan to play in the BTHL this season. The division we play in will be decided after the roster is finalized



- 10-15 minute Dryland sessions before practice & games.
- Additional off-ice sessions (ex. Video, Fitness Center, Shooting Room) will be scheduled
- Tournaments: We plan on playing in 3-4 tournaments this season

Anticipated Team Fees -- \$2200-\$2400 not including uniforms and travel

Team Rules

- Give your best effort in every team activity
- Maintain a positive attitude
- Players are expected to arrive to the rink 1 hour before game time and 45 minutes before practice time for Dryland
- Players are expected to be dressed 15 minutes before practice/games begin so the coaches can review the plan for the day
- Coaches or the Team Manager must be notified in advance if a player will be unable to attend practice or a game
- All players, parents and coaches will behave in a respectful and courteous manner at all times. We will represent the Swords organization with class and dignity
- We will need parent volunteers to be the Team Manager as well as run the scoreboard and assist in the penalty box during games

I look forward to meeting each family and to the start of the new season. If you have any questions regarding my plans for the season or want to know anything about me please contact me at 513-687-6860.

Go Swords!!!