

TODD FINNER

OBJECTIVE

To develop elite hockey players and to promote sportsmanship, team play, and a genuine love of the game.

EDUCATION

1994	University of Illinois at Chicago Bachelor of Science in Accounting
2003	USA Level 4 Coach

DIRECTOR EXPERIENCE

2005-2006	Vikings Hockey Club – Skills Instructor
2000-2005	Chicago Blues Hockey Club – Hockey Director
1998-2005	Edge Ice Arena – Youth and Adult Hockey Director
2002-2003	Atoms Hockey Club – Hockey Director
2001-2003	Chicago Mission Hockey Club – Hockey Director
1997-1998	Huskies Hockey Club – Skills Instructor Darien Sportsplex – Youth and Adult Hockey Director
1994-1997	Chicago Hawks Hockey Club – Hockey Director

COACHING

2005-2006	State Champions Squirt AAA Chicago Chill
2004-2005	State Champions Mite AA Chicago Blues NIHL Runners-Up Mite Elite Chicago Blues State Runners Up Mite A Chicago Blues State 3 rd Place Mite B Chicago Blues
2003-2004	State Champions Mite AA Chicago Blues NIHL League Champions Mite Elite International Silver Stick Champions
2002-2003	State Runners Up Mite AA Chicago Blues International Silver Stick Mite AA 3 rd Place
2001-2002	State Runners Up Mite AA Chicago Blues NIHL Runners Up Mite Elite International Silver Stick Mite AA Champions State Runners Up Squirt AAA Chicago Mission
2000-2001	State Champions Mite AA Chicago Blues NIHL Runners Up Mite Elite International Silver Stick 3 rd Place

PLAYING CAREER

1989-1994	University of Illinois at Chicago Flames NCAA Division 1 4 Year Letter Winner Voted Assistant Captain Junior and Senior Seasons Blue Line Award-Team's Top Freshman Mark Nordling Award-Outstanding Team Spirit/Dedication Flames Booster Club Award – Most Exciting Player
1987-1989	Nanaimo Clippers Jr.A British Columbia Jr. Hockey League Most Valuable Player – 1989 Team Captain – 1989 Top Scorer – 1989 Sportsmanship Award – 1988 Rookie of the Year Award – 1987
1977-1986	Nanaimo Youth Minor Hockey Association Midget Major AAA Provincial 3 rd Place Participated in Canadian Jr. Olympic Program

PHILOSOPHY

I am excited to again be involved with a team of professional and qualified directors whose proven and specialized instruction will serve as the backbone of this training program. The Chicago Blues hockey club is a unique goal oriented developmental program that provides for an ideal family environment with the resources, facilities, and training that is second to none. The village of Bensenville is committed to help ensure that Blues players will receive the best training opportunities available anywhere, at any level.

Research shows, and my own experience confirms, that playing a 60 – 70 game season, numerous out of town tournaments, and a high emphasis on winning is not the key to successful skills development at the younger ages. Repetitious training in stride, foot agility, crossovers, puck control, moves, fakes, body and head posture, passing concepts, puck protection, lateral movement, backwards skating, and an off-ice athletic training program with a focus on leg, ab core strength and balance will provide a solid fundamental skills foundation to ensure future long term success in the sport of ice hockey.

