

Coach Jay Matthews

Coaching Experience USA Hockey CEP Level 4

2001-2005 - Coached In-line hockey

2005-2012 - Assistant coach / manager with Glaciers and Minutemen AAA

2015-16 & 2016-17 - Hatfield Mite In-house

2017-18 - Hatfield Ice Dogs Mite B Head Coach / North Penn MS A assistant coach

2018-19 - Hatfield Ice Dogs Squirt A Head Coach / North Penn MS AAA assistant coach

Accomplishments

2017-18 - Mite B team won 4 tournaments, including the Niagara International tournament in NY

2018-19 - Squirt A team won 2 tournaments, and placed 6th in a 15 team league, finishing with a 15-7 record, missing playoffs by 2 points

Coaching Philosophy

The coach is critical to the foundational love and enjoyment of hockey. There are many benefits and lessons to be learned from youth hockey, both on and off the ice which can be carried to their adult years. Being part of this sport will allow children (and their families) to meet great people and to make memories that will last a lifetime. I, like many, am competitive by nature and get caught up in winning and losing, but this isn't what drives me to coach. I am driven by 1. developing players, 2. developing the team and 3. winning - if the player and team develop, winning will follow naturally. As a head coach, I have deep respect for every player; I love watching their development and growth, the little things they accomplish from day 1 to the end of the season. To be successful, all coaches must have respect for the players, in turn, the players must have a mutual respect for their coaches, teammates, referees and opponents. Players should come to the rink each day prepared to work hard and the most important thing will happen – everyone will have a fun and fruitful season, whether we win or lose.