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Steve Klein Named Head Coach of Jr. Steelheads 16U AA Team for 2025–26 Season

The Jr. Steelheads are proud to announce Steve Klein as the Head Coach of the 16U AA team for the 2025–26 season. A respected leader on and off the ice, Coach Klein brings a unique blend of structure, life experience, and high-performance mentorship to a critical stage in player development.

Born in Iowa, Coach Klein grew up playing goaltender before transitioning into a leadership career as a Lieutenant with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in Arizona. That background has shaped his coaching approach: calm under pressure, firm in expectations, and deeply committed to guiding athletes through personal and athletic growth.

Over the past four seasons, Coach Klein has led the Boise Premier 18U program. His ability to teach structure, demand responsibility, and connect with players makes him the ideal fit to lead the 16U AA group — where talent meets trajectory and habits make all the difference.

Key pillars of Coach Klein's 2025–26 U16 program include:

- **Next-Level Preparation:** Practices and systems will reflect the speed, structure, and decision-making needed for junior and collegiate hockey — with high emphasis on defensive responsibility, puck support, and team identity.
- **Culture of Accountability:** Players will be expected to lead themselves and hold each other to a high standard of effort, conduct, and compete level — building a locker room of self-motivated, team-first athletes.
- **Leadership Development:** As one of the final stops before 18U and junior hockey, Coach Klein will focus on building maturity, confidence, and communication skills in every player — preparing them to lead both on the ice and in life.
- **Consistent Communication:** With regular feedback loops, structured practices, and clear roles, families and players can expect transparency, honesty, and a roadmap for individual progress and team success.

Coach Klein is more than just a coach — he's a mentor, a steady hand, and a trusted figure in the lives of the athletes he leads. The Jr. Steelheads are fortunate to have him taking over the 16U AA group and continuing to shape the future of the program with professionalism and purpose.

Welcome to 16U, Coach Klein.

Go Steelheads!