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COACHING BIO

ABOUT ME

I grew up in Sudbury, ON and started my minor hockey career with Sudbury Minor Hockey.

I have been coaching for over 20+ years – both minor hockey and Junior B.

When not cutting video, running practice or on a bench, I enjoy watching the NFL and spending time with my family!

Professionally, I am a licensed insurance broker specializing in commercial property and casualty insurance.

Montreal Canadiens are my team! Go Habs!

I am a High Performance I Certified Coach with 20+ years coaching experience. I have coached both minor hockey and at the junior B level with multiple teams in the KW region (Waterloo, Kitchener, Listowel, Elmira). I have been involved with the Program of Excellence as an evaluator at the Alliance U17 camp as well as a guest coach at several other camps and programs such as OHA High Performance Program and the Under Armour OHL Program of Excellence.

I am currently completing my fourth season as coach of the 2013AAA Waterloo Wolves. Over that time U10-U13 our staff has guided the club to four consecutive first place finishes (compiling a record to date of 100-4-8) multiple tournament championships, and two Alliance Championships (currently in pursuit of the 3rd) This summer I will be on a staff at the Ontario Summer Games and assist in the evaluation of players from Ontario for participation in the Canada Winter games next season.

What I enjoy most about coaching and my coaching philosophy are closely intertwined. The team aspect is most important on both counts. There is something great about watching a group of players come together as a team to work towards achieving a goal. I believe that for a team to succeed to its fullest potential the team must be the number one priority over an individual agenda. When players buy into the team first mentality not only does the team benefit and have success, but the individual players often benefit more than they would have if they had tried to do it on their own.

Teams win championships!