

Jeff Bauder U14

I am very excited to be coming back to Metcalfe and about having the opportunity to get to know and work with this young group of players this season. It feels a bit full circle for me since I began coaching on the ice with IP so many years ago. My coaching background goes back almost 20 years and has been very diverse both in the levels that I have coached at as well as the type of coaching/instruction that I have provided. During my coaching path I have coached from IP to U18, House to AA and many years of Spring Hockey in between. I have spent a large part of my time as a skill development coach running my own Iconic Hockey and Total Puck Control Programs (TPC) for many years and have worked with many players over the years that are now OHL & CCHL Drafted Prospects.

My coaching philosophy is simple...To work with the players to help them grow as hockey players, athletes, teammates and people. I will ensure that every player learns and has an opportunity to develop in all aspects of the game to ensure they are given the tools they need to move on to high levels of hockey if they so choose. I do not believe in ruling with an iron fist. My approach is direct but respectful and I expect that level of respect in return from the players. I coach on the bench not from the bench during games. I prefer to let the players play and be creative but to be aware of why things happen the way they do on the ice and that they are always going to be a better player with the support of their TEAM. I ask for effort NOT perfection.

The priority will always be on developing the players and helping them to learn and become better. However, we are not going to lose sight of the competitive side of the season. The kids, parents and coaches all want to win games...development can be a more enjoyable journey in a competitive environment. We are not going to put pressure on the kids to win, we are not going to make it a priority but we will do what we can to help them become a better TEAM so that winning is attainable and we will hold the players accountable for how they play as much as I will hold myself accountable for how I coach. I completely understand that this is a Rep B team not a AA/AAA team but at the same time this is a competitive hockey program which means additional ice for skill development, some off-ice learning (video sessions or team meetings). Looking forward to a great season ahead.

Proposed Tournaments:

Oct 9-12	Halton Hills Best of the Best	Halton Hills, ON
Oct 24-26	Sensplex Volunteer Cup	Ottawa, ON
Nov 28-30	Kingston Canadians A	Kingston, ON
Jan 2-4	Sensplex Capital Winter Classic	Ottawa, ON