



Raptors Hockey Club

2024-25 Bantam AA Program Guide

ORGANIZATION

Affiliation:

Raptors Hockey Club is a member of USA Hockey under the local affiliate Carolina Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA)

Memberships:

Atlantic Coast Hockey Conference (ACHC)
Carolina Hockey Alliance AAA (CHA)
Carolinas Hockey League (CHL)

Organization Executives:

- Stan Misthios
- Ed Levens
- Richard Tooke
- Pamela Mitchell



RAPTORS Hockey Club

Philosophy:

In just 6 seasons, Raptors Hockey Club has quickly emerged as the “**Organization of Culture**” for youth hockey in Raleigh, NC.

Raptors HC provides an environment that will encourage our Coaches and Team Managers to act with autonomy to nurture and develop guidelines that will cater to the needs of the specific players and families on their team.

Raptors HC will work with Player Development and Player Advancement as our primary goal and guiding principle. Families of the hockey community will continue to look to us to provide a positive, structured, supportive, competitive, safe, and fun environment for their kids – and we will do everything to accept, respect, flourish and deliver under these responsibilities that we take seriously.

Raptors HC will continue to prioritize providing hockey families with more ice time, more programming, and more accountability for lower registration fees than the other local hockey groups.

See the next slide for an illustration of how our culture and approach off the ice provides direct, impactful results on the ice!!



WINNING Off the ice = WINNING On the Ice !



2023-2024

WIN 2 of the 3 NC Championships to represent CAHA at USA Hockey Nationals at Tier2

2022-2023

WIN 1 of the 3 NC Championships to represent CAHA at USA Hockey Nationals at Tier2



2023-2024

Of the 6 teams that the Raptors had in the CHL - 3 of them WON the CHL Championship (50% winning rate)

2022-2023

Raptors had 10 teams play in the league – 5 of them WON the CHL Championship (50% winning rate), and 2 others finishing as runner up finalist.



2023-2024

Raptors had more players selected to the rosters than any other Club, making up 45.7% of the total players chosen at tryouts.

2022-2023

Raptors had 34.8% of the players selected to the final rosters – more than any other Club.



2023-2024

For the Inaugural season of the ACHC, the Raptors had teams participate in each of the 2 divisions that the new Conference launched.

No Championships, but 1 of our 2 teams gave themselves a chance by reaching the Finals.



BANTAM AA TEAM

Team Staff:

Head Coach – Dave Rappaport

Team Manager – TBA

Asst Coach – TBA

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Team Roster:

Team will roster a total of 18 or 19 or 20 players.

(Either 10/6/2 or 11/6/2 or 12/6/2)

Competitive Level:

Bantam AA (2010 & 2011 birth year)



HOME ICE

- The Raptors Hockey Club will once again contract its ice slots for consistency of home game times:
 - **Saturday's for 4 games.** Saturday home games during the 2023-24 season were 3:15pm & 4:45pm, 6:15pm & 7:45pm @ Factory Wake Forest, per contracted ice.
 - **Sunday's for 4 games.** Most Sunday home games during the 2023-24 season were 6:45am, 8:15am, 9:45am & 11:15am @ Factory Wake Forest, per contracted ice.
- Allotted Ice Time for Games : 75 & 90 min
- Minimum number of Home weekends : 6
 - Potential for adding a 6th home weekend as practice or games.



GAMES

As it did in its first 5 seasons, the team will plan to play in either the ACHC or CHL:

- 20 Games = "Home & Home" matchups vs. 5 Teams
- 20-22 Games = 4 Tournaments or Showcases (potential for extra games)

Some 2023-24 H&H Targets will include (not all of these will be selected) :

The St.James	Triad Storm*	Queen City Royals*	Roanoke/Lynchburg*
Jr. Hurricanes*	Potomac Patriots*	Richmond Generals	NC Golden Bears*
Atlanta Fire**	Reston Raiders*	*Charleston Stingrays	Wilmington Jr.Seahawks*

** Teams played in 2023-24 Season*

Families should be prepared to make a trip to some but not all the following tournament locations:

D.C. Area Charlotte, NC Hershey, PA Nashville, TN* New York, NY*

Detroit, MI* Pittsburgh, PA* Charleston, SC South Bend, INJ Jacksonville, FL

***Potential supplementary tournament locations for some of our players via Carolina Alliance.**

Total Games: 40-42, of which 14-22 will be games in Raleigh.**

****for 23-24 season the team played XX of its 44 games in North Carolina.**



Extra AAA Tournament Opportunity



The Raleigh Raptors are a founding Member Club of the Carolina Alliance. This initiative is a joint effort of several CAHA Tier 2 Clubs to provide select players the opportunity to play 15-18 additional games at AAA tournaments.

Summer Tryout session to select players from the member hockey clubs that will play in 3 AAA tournaments to take place June 4-5 in Charlotte, NC.

**The fee for Carolina Alliance in 2023-24 was \$595 for 2 tournaments.*

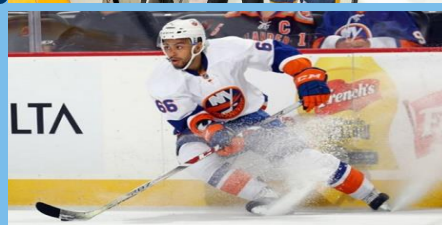


ONCE THE PASSION FOR TRAINING HAS BEEN IGNITED... DREAMS CAN COME TRUE !!!



Here are some players that your Raptors Bantam AA Head Coach worked with when they were just kids...

Top Left Clockwise - Brent Burns, Trevor Daley, Daniel Carcillo, Tyler Seguin, Warren Foegele, John Tavares, Malcolm and PK Subban, Joshua Ho Sang, Michael Cammalleri, Michael Vernace, Anthony Nigro, Matthew Pelech, Daniel Girardi, Chris Terry.



ICE TIME & DEVELOPMENT

Pre-Season Team Training Camp:

- 6 Hours On Ice (4 days @ 1.5hrs/daily, or possibly transition to full weekend)

On Team Ice Practice:

- 1 Hour Weekly (Team Only Session will be either Wednesday or Friday @ Factory Wake Forest)*

On Ice Development:

- 1 Hour Weekly, 2023-24 was Mon 8:30pm @ Factory Wake Forest (Skating/Agility/Puck)
- 1 Hour Weekly, 2023-2 was Thurs 7:15pm @ Factory Wake Forest (Shooting & Scoring)*

***There will be times when this session will be used primarily as 'Special Teams' development**

Total On Ice for Team Practice & Development : 84 Hours!



Pre Season Training Camp

Will take place in August 2024, featuring both ON and OFF ICE team building sessions daily :

• OFF ICE FEATURES

- Player Handbook
- Individual and Team Goal Setting
- Hockey System Implementation
- Personal Brand Statements
- Personal ABC's
- Concussion Symposium
- Nutrition Guidelines
- Fitness Evaluation
- Agility and Strength Work
- Team Lunch and/or dinner

• ON ICE FEATURES

- Hockey System Implementation
- Agility and Strength Work
- Player Evaluations
- PTH Hockey Instruction
- Power Skating
- Shooting and Scoring
- Puck Control
- Skating Treadmill
- Passing & Puck Movement
- Defensive Zone Coverage



EXTRA TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

The team will take full advantage of the Prime Time Hockey training facility in 2 ways:

- 8 90-min Team Training sessions for an additional 12 hours of training & development
- 1 weekly 30min shooting sessions in small groups following the teams on ice sessions that are at The Factory.*

**small group shooting sessions can be scheduled on any 2 of the on-ice days the team prefers. This season the sessions will again be conducted in smaller groups bi-weekly or bi-monthly sessions.*



SPECIALIZED EXTRA TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

ALL Raptors Bantam AA players will receive 1 complimentary semi-private lessons from Prime Time Hockey:

- Sessions will take place during the Stick/Puck ice times offered at Factory Ice House
- Sessions will be 60 minutes in length
 - *Families will be required to cover the cost for Stick/Puck Registration*



THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Part of the Development Process for the Raptors Bantam AA Team will be to have an open line of communication with players and parents thru Individual Evaluations.

The coaching staff will conduct individual player evaluations 3 times during the hockey season:

- 1) Post Training Camp Evaluation. (Written & In person)
- 2) Mid-Season Evaluation. (Written with In person optional)
- 3) Final Evaluation at Season's End. (Written & In Person)



OUR COLORS



COMMUNITY SERVICE

In addition to developing our players on the ice, Raptors HC will aim to have our players help develop and improve parts of our local community.

It will be a goal to have our entire Bantam AA team participate together in a minimum of 3 hours of Community Service.



During the team's first 5 seasons, the Raptors created and delivered a huge care package for U.S. Troops stationed overseas, filled Xmas Stockings for both a senior citizens home and kids that were impacted by Hurricane Florence, and organized a food drive, and cleaned a local Creek and neighborhood. The team has also participated in the JDRF One Walk for Type 1 Diabetes awareness and fundraising.



VALUE

We ENCOURAGE you to compare:

- 119 Total Hours of Training & Development.
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- 40+ Hockey Games.
- Set days and location for Home Games.

All for a Registration Fee of \$4,495

**Equipment & Apparel package for 2023-24 was \$535. An 'A La Cart' menu will be made available for returning Raptors that don't require entire package.*



Payment Options

There will be 4 options available for payment of registration fees.

All payments made by credit card will be subject to an additional 3% fee.

Option 1: Full Payment

- Full payment of \$4,445 upon signing
- \$50 discount from full fee of \$4,495

Option 3: 4 Payments

- \$1,295 upon signing
- \$1,150 June 22, 2024
- \$1,075 July 31, 2024
- \$975 on August 22, 2024

Option 2: 3 Payments

- \$1,645 upon signing
- \$1,475 June 28, 2024
- \$1,375 August 20, 2024

Option 4: 5 Payments

- \$995 upon signing
- \$925 June 16, 2024
- \$875 July 10, 2024
- \$850 on August 6, 2024
- \$850 on August 30, 2024



EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

Included as part of the Raptors Bantam AA package:

- Personalized, high-quality Home and Away game jerseys.
- High quality Home and Away game socks.
- Personalized, high quality canvas hockey bag.
- High quality, 3-color pant shells.
- Track suits, jacket & pants.
- Pair of dry-fit athletic shorts.
- Dry-fit athletic tee shirt.
- Helmet Stickers



Optional equipment add on:

- Customized Raptors hockey gloves.

**Equipment & Apparel Package was \$535 in 23-24. It will be similar for 23-24.*

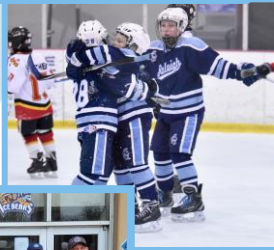
**Players must provide their own white helmet.*



#1 REASON TO BE A RAPTOR ???

Easy...!

Because after all of the ice time, the development, the culture, and the value - when it comes to the kids and our families...*we just know how to have the most fun and create the best memories !!!*



NOTES

