



# Raptors Hockey Club

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2024-25 Squirt A Program Guide

# ORGANIZATION

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## 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)**

**Carolinas Hockey League (CHL)**

**Carolina Hockey Alliance (CHA)**

## Organization Executives:

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



# RAPTORS Hockey Club

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## 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.



# SQUIRT A TEAM

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## Team Staff:

Head Coach – Bryan Patterson



Team Manager – TBD

Asst Coach – TBA

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## Team Roster:

Team will roster a total of 15 or 16 or 17 players.

(Either 9/5/1 or 9/5/2 or 8/6/1 or 8/6/2 or 9/6/2)

## Competitive Level:

Squirt A (2014 & 2015 birth year)

\*If team plays in CHL, the league will likely have a pre-season Play In Tournament in August to determine the level the team would play in the league.



# Head Coach Profile – Bryan Patterson

“Success is the result when preparation meets opportunity”

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## Playing Experience:

- **2004-2007:** Connecticut College Men’s Hockey (NESCAC - NCAA Division III), New London, CT
- **2000-2004:** Brooks School Boys’ Varsity Hockey (NEPSAC - New England Prep School Hockey), North Andover, MA
- **1993-2000:** Various AAA/AA Travel Hockey Teams in Erie, PA; and Raleigh, NC
- **1991-1993:** Erie Youth Hockey Association House League, Erie, PA

## Coaching Experience:

- **2023-Present:** Head Coach, PPHL 10U Advanced (3 seasons)
- **2022-2023:** Assistant Coach, Junior Canes Super 8’s (1 season)
- **2021-2023:** Head Coach, PPHL 8U Advanced (3 seasons)
- **2008-2010:** Assistant Coach, Multiple AAA/AA Travel Hockey Teams in Denver/Colorado Springs, CO
- **2007-2008:** Student Assistant/Video Coach, Connecticut College Men’s Hockey (NCAA Division III)
- **2000-2007:** Instructor, Carolina Hurricanes Summer Hockey Camps

“Star in the role you’re given, work for the role you want”



# HOME ICE

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- 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 & 11:45am @ Factory Wake Forest, per contracted ice.
- Allotted Ice Time for Games : 75 & 90 min
- Minimum number of Home weekends : 6
  - Potential for adding a 7<sup>th</sup> home weekend as practice or games.



# GAMES

The team will plan to play in the CHL consisting of:

- 16 Games = "Home & Home" CHL area matchups vs. 4 Teams.
- 12 Games = 3 Tournaments (potential for extra games)
- 8 Games = "Home & Home" Exhibition Games

**2024-25 H&H Targets will be (some of which are already locked in) :**

The St.James

Lynchburg Coyotes

Queen City Royals

NC Golden Bears

Jr. Hurricanes

Carolina Premier

Triad Storm

Wilmington Jr. Seahawks

**Tournament location targets could include:**

*Raleigh, NC.*

*D.C. Area*

*Hershey, PA*

*Charlotte, NC*

*Charleston, SC*

*Pittsburgh, PA*

**Total Games: 36, of which 16-22 will be games in Raleigh.**





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



Here are some players that your Raptors Squirt Training Staff 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

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## Team Training Camp:

- 3 Sessions On ice, 1hr/session. Raptors SQA team will be the only team on the ice.

## On Ice Team Practice:

- 1 weekly practice, where Raptors SQA team will be the only team on the ice.
- *For 2023-24 season the team's practice was Saturday 8:15am @ Raleigh IcePlex.*

## Weekend On Ice Practice:

- Potential for team to pick up available Raptors ice slots. (75 or 90 min sessions)

## On Ice Development:

- 1 Skating/Puck Control session weekly @ Factory Wake Forest in Prime Time Hockey's YDP (Monday\*)
- 1 Competitive Games session Weekly @ Factory Wake Forest in Prime Time Hockey's YDP (Thursdays\*)

*\*was schedule for PTH YDP during the 2023-24 Fall/Winter Season*

**Total On Ice for Team Practice & Development : 81 Hours!**



# Pre Season Training Camp

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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

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The team will take full advantage of the Prime Time Hockey training facility with:

- **10** (90-min) Training sessions for an additional 15 hours of training & development.
- **These sessions will be structured as:**
  - 30min Skating Treadmill Training
  - 60min Specialized Shooting Training
  - Some sessions could incorporate introduction to video review and/or off-ice training.



# THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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Part of the Development Process for the Raptors Squirt 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)
- 3) Final Evaluation at Season's End. (Written & In Person)



# OUR COLORS





# COMMUNITY SERVICE

***The Raptors Hockey Club is very big on Community Service. In addition to developing our players on the ice, we ALWAYS aim to have our players help to develop and improve parts of our local community.***

***It will be a goal to have our entire Raptors Sqrirt A team to participate together in a minimum of 3 hours of Community Service.***



# VALUE

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## We **ENCOURAGE** you to compare:

- 96 Total Hours of Training & Development
- 74 Total Hours of Training & Development under the supervision of a professional training staff with over 30 years of experience working and directing advanced Skating and Hockey curriculums
- 36+ Hockey Games
- Set days and location for Home Games

**All for a Registration Fee of \$4,045**

*\*Equipment & Apparel package will be between \$535-\$565. An 'A La Cart' menu will be made available for returning Raptors that don't require entire package.*





# Payment Options

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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 \$3,995 upon signing
- \$50 discount from full fee of \$4,045

## Option 3: 4 Payments

- \$1,395 upon signing
- \$975 June 20, 2024
- \$875 July 24, 2024
- \$800 on August 26, 2024

## Option 2: 3 Payments

- \$1,695 upon signing
- \$1,250 June 26, 2024
- \$1,100 August 14, 2024

## Option 4: 5 Payments

- \$995 upon signing
- \$885 June 20, 2024
- \$785 July 18, 2024
- \$725 on August 15, 2024
- \$655 on September 10, 2024



# EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

## Included as part of the Raptors Squirt A 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 or slightly increased for 24-25.*

*\*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

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