



Raptors Hockey Club

2024-25 U16 AA Program Guide

ORGANIZATION

Affiliation:

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

Memberships:

Carolinas Hockey League (CHL)

Atlantic Coast Hockey Conference (ACHC)

Carolina Hockey Alliance AAA (CHA)

Organization Executives:

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



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.



U16 AA TEAM

Team Staff:

Head Coach

– Steve Hoffman

Assistant Coaches

– TBD

Team Roster:

Team will roster a total of 19-20 players (17/18 skaters and 2 goalies)



DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

Evaluations will be conducted to provide feedback and communication to players and parents throughout the season.

Coaching staff will conduct individual player evaluations at key intervals during the hockey season:

- 1) Post Training Camp Evaluation
- 2) Mid-Season Evaluation
- 3) End-of-Season Evaluation



ON ICE DEVELOPMENT

Pre-Season Team Training Camp:

- 6 Hours On Ice (1.5 hours Friday, 3 hours Saturday, 1.5 hours Sunday)

On Ice Team Practice:

- 2 Hours Weekly (typically in Wake Forest, but could be rotated)
- 2024-25 was Tuesdays & Thursdays at Factory Wake Forest

On Ice Development:

- 1 Hour Weekly, 2022-23 was Mon 8:45 PM in Wake Forest (Skating/Agility/Puck Control)
- 1 Hour Weekly, 2022-23 was Thurs 7:15 PM in Wake Forest (Shooting & Scoring)

**Players will have option to participate in these development sessions on a bi or tri-weekly basis.*

Total On Ice for Team Practice & Development: 78 Hours!



OFF ICE DEVELOPMENT

Conditioning:

- Players will run a timed 2-mile distance three times throughout the season to measure how their endurance increases:
 - Training camp
 - Mid-season
 - End of season
- A conditioning session will be held weekly before or after team practice session*
 - Session will be maximum of 30 minutes
 - Players will run a mile and/or perform conditioning exercises (push-ups, squats, wall sits, etc.)

** Note: This is dependent on practice time slot and allowing the families to get home at a reasonable time*



PRE-SEASON TRAINING CAMP

August 2024, featuring both ON and OFF ICE team building sessions daily:

OFF ICE

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

ON ICE

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



EXTRA TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

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

- 3 90-min Team Training sessions for an additional 4.5 hours of training & development



GAMES

The team plans to play in the U16AA Division of the Carolinas Hockey League (CHL) or Atlantic Coast Hockey Conference (ACHC):

- 16 Games = CHL or ACHC Schedule (based on 5 team division)
- 8 Games = "Home & Home" matchups vs. 2 Teams*
- 16 Games = 4 Tournaments (potential for extra games)

Total Games: 40 (Team played 44 games in 23/24 season)

*Additional 8 games in Raleigh if team elects to play in local tournaments

**Potential for additional exhibition games to be played



HOME ICE

- The Raptors HC will contract the following time slots for team home games:
 - Saturday's at 3:15 PM, 4:45 PM, 6:15 PM or 7:45PM
 - Sunday's at 6:45 AM, 8:15 AM, 9:45 AM or 11:15 AM
- Allotted Ice Time for Games: 75 & 90 min
- Number of Home weekends: 6
 - Potential for adding a 7th home weekend as practice or games



COMMUNITY SERVICE

In addition to developing our players on the ice, Raptors HC encourages its players to help develop and contribute to our local community.

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

Some of the community service projects from past seasons:

- Christmas Stockings for Assisted Living Facility
- Toys for Tots Toy Drive
- JDRF One Walk for Type 1 Diabetes awareness



OUR COLORS



EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

Included as part of the package:

- Home and Away Game Jerseys
- Home and Away Game Socks
- Practice Jersey
- Practice Socks
- 3-color Hockey Pant Shells
- Raptors Hockey Bag
- Raptors Athletic Shorts
- Raptors Dry-Fit Athletic T-Shirt
- Helmet stickers
- Raptors Tracksuit Jacket and Pants
- Raptors Bauer Hockey Gloves

COST: \$645.00

(approx. cost calculated from last years pricing)

*If you're new to the Raleigh Raptors this season you are required to purchase the apparel/uniform package. If you're a returning family and your items still fit and they are in good condition, they can be reused this season!

*All players must provide their own white helmet.



VALUE

We encourage you to compare:

- 88 Total Hours of Training & Development
- Training & Development under the supervision of a Development Staff with over 48 years of experience directing Advanced Skating and Hockey curriculums
- 40+ Hockey Games
- Set days and location for Home Games

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

**Equipment & Apparel package will be approximately \$645*



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

Option 2: 2 Payments

- \$2,245 upon signing
- \$1,800 August 6, 2024

Option 3: 3 Payments

- \$1,845 upon signing
- \$1,125 July 2, 2024
- \$1,075 September 1, 2024

Option 4: 4 Payments

- \$1,545 upon signing
- \$1,000 July 2, 2024
- \$800 August 6, 2024
- \$700 September 3, 2024

