



# Raptors Hockey Club

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2025-26 Pee wee 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)**

**Carolina Hockey Alliance (CHA)**

**Carolinas Hockey League (CHL)**

## Organization Executives:

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



# RAPTORS Hockey Club

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## Philosophy:

In just 7 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 !



## 2024-2025

WIN 1 of 3 North Carolina Championships, and proceed to WIN the **USA Hockey National Championship !!!**

## 2023-2024

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

## 2022-2023

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



## 2024-2025

Of the 8 Raptors teams that played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season of the ACHC - 2 teams walked away with Championships, while 4 others finished as the runner up finalists.

## 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.



## 2024-2025

WON the Silver Stick Regional Championship to advance to International Finals and finished 6th place overall.

## 2023-2024

WON the Silver Stick Regional Championship to advance to International Finals and finished 9<sup>th</sup> place overall.



## 2024-2025

Raptors had 45.9% of the players selected to the final rosters – more than any other Club

## 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.



## 2024-2025

WIN Of the 2 teams that the Raptors had in the CHL – both of them finished as the runner up finalists in their division.

## 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.



# PEEWEE 2025-2026 TEAM

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## Team Staff:

Head Coach – Derek DeYoung

Team Manager – TBA

Asst Coach – Chris Center

Asst Coach – TBA

Asst Coach - TBA

## Team Roster:

Team will roster a total of 17 or 18 players.

(Either 10/6/1 or 9/6/2 or 10/6/2 )

## Competitive Level:

Peewee A (2013 & 2014 birth years)

\*The team will plan to play in the ACHC.



# Head Coach Profile – Derek DeYoung

“Failing to prepare is preparing to fail”

## Playing Experience:

- **2003-2006:** Castleton University Men's Ice Hockey (ECAC East - NCAA Division III), Castleton, VT.
- **2002-2003:** Connecticut Clippers Jr. B (MJHL. Metropolitan Jr. Hockey League), Cromwell, CT.
- **1999-2002:** Connecticut Clippers AAA (AYHL. Atlantic Youth Hockey League), Cromwell, CT.
- **1996-1999:** Cleveland Americans (Little Caesars Hockey League AA), Detroit, MI.

## Coaching Experience:

- **2024-2025:** Head Coach, Raleigh Raptors Hockey Club (Peewee A)
- **2023-2024:** Head Coach, Raleigh Raptors Hockey Club (Squirt A)
- **2022-2023:** Head Coach, PHHL 10U Advanced. Raleigh, NC.
- **2005:** Instructor, Learn To Play Hockey (RAHA, Rutland Amature Hockey Assosiation), Rutland, VT.
- **2004:** Instructor, Lean To Play Hockey (Champions Skating Center), Cromwell, CT.

“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard”



# 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 2024-25 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 2024-25 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 ACHC consisting of:

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

**2025-26 H&H Targets will be (some of which are already locked in) :**

**The St.James  
Triad Storm**

**NC Golden Bears  
Lynchburg Coyotes**

**Queen City Royals  
Charleston Stingrays**

**Greenville Jr.Road Warriors  
Roanoke Railyard Dogs**

**Tournament location targets could include:**

***Raleigh, NC.  
Charleston, SC***

***D.C. Area  
Nashville, TN***

***Hershey, PA  
Tampa, FL***

***Charlotte, NC  
Boston, MA***

**Total Games: 40, of which 20-26 will be games in Raleigh.**



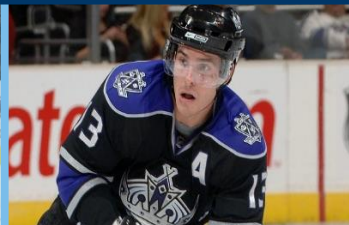


# ONCE THE PASSION FOR TRAINING HAS BEEN IGNITED... DREAMS CAN COME TRUE !!!



Here are some players that your Raptors Peewee Trainers 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:

- 5 Sessions On ice, 60 or 90min/session. Raptors PWA team will be the only team on the ice. Total On Ice for Training Camp will be 6hrs.

## On Ice Team Practice:

- 1 weekly practice, where Raptors PWA team will be the only team on the ice.

## Weekend On Ice Practice:

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

## On Ice Development:

- 1 Hour Weekly @ Factory Wake Forest in Prime Time Hockey's Weekly Classes. (Mondays\*)
- 1 Hour Weekly @ Factory Wake Forest in Prime Time Hockey's YDP Session. (Tues or Thurs\*)

*\*was schedule for Raptors PWA during the 2024-25 Fall/Winter Season*

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



# Pre Season Training Camp

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Will take place in August 2025, 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
- 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:**

- **8** (90-min) Training sessions for an additional 12 hours of training & development.
- **These sessions will be structured as:**
  - 30min Skating Treadmill Training
  - 60min Specialized Shooting Training*\*Potential for the team's coaches to add classroom or dryland training to these sessions.*



# SPECIALIZED EXTRA TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

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**ALL Raptors Peewee A players will receive 1 complimentary semi-private lesson from Prime Time Hockey:**

- Sessions will take place during the Stick/Puck ice times or "Hockey Camp" ice times offered at Factory Ice House.
- Sessions will be 60 minutes in length
  - \*Families will be required to cover the cost for Ice Rental*



# THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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Part of the Development Process for the Raptors Peewee A 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)
- 2) Mid-Season Evaluation. (Written with In-Person optional)
- 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 Pee wee A team to participate together in a minimum of 3 hours of Community Service.





# VALUE

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

- 94 Total Hours of Training & Development
- 66 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
- 40+ Hockey Games
- Set days and location for Home Games

## **All for a Registration Fee of \$4,595**

*\*Equipment & Apparel package will be between \$565-\$595. 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 3.75% fee.

## Option 1: Full Payment

- Full payment of \$4,545 upon signing
- \$50 discount from full fee of \$4,595

## Option 3: 4 Payments

- \$1,395 upon signing
- \$1,150 June 12, 2025
- \$1,075 July 18, 2025
- \$975 on August 26, 2025

## Option 2: 3 Payments

- \$1,895 upon signing
- \$1,450 July 8, 2025
- \$1,250 August 15, 2025

## Option 4: 5 Payments

- \$995 upon signing
- \$950 June 12, 2025
- \$900 July 14, 2025
- \$875 on August 16, 2025
- \$875 on September 8, 2025



# EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

## Included as part of the Raptors Peewee 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 \$565 in 24-25. It will be slightly increased for 25-26.*

*\*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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