

# Raptors Hockey Club

2024-25 Peewee A Program Guide

# **RAPTORS Hockey Club**

# **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

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.



# **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 (CHA)

# Organization Executives:

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



# **PEEWEE AA 2025-2026 TEAM**

# **Team Staff:**

Head Coach - Brian Haaland

Team Manager - TBD

Asst Coach - Jason Hall

Asst Coach – TBD

Asst Coach - TBD

# **Team Roster:**

Team will roster a total of 17 or 18 players.

(Either 9/6/2 or 10/5/2 or 10/6/2 )

# **Competitive Level:**

Peewee A (2013 & 2014 birth year)

\*The team will play in the AA division of the ACHC.



# PEEWEE A 2024-25 Head Coach

#### **Brian Haaland**

The Raleigh Raptors are excited to return Brian to our Club for a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive and to serve as the Head Coach for our Peewee AA team, and to help the development of Raptors goaltenders.

Serving as USA Hockey's local Director of Goaltending Development for several years, Brian brings a vast hockey background to the Raptors Hockey Club.





#### **Coach Brian's Background**

Brian grew up in Minot, North Dakota playing youth hockey. He played 2 years of juniors in the United States Hockey League (USHL). He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a Bachelors of Science in education with a coaching endorsement. He played 4 years of NCAA D1 hockey for the Mavericks. After graduation, he played 1 season as a professional goalie in the United Hockey League.

Brian moved to NC in 2004 to pursue a career in NASCAR. He spent 8.5 years as a tire changer and has been a pit crew coach for 20 years. He is currently the head coach at Joe Gibbs Racing, overseeing 8 pit crews. During the past 20 years, Brian has been fortunate to be a part of 5 NASCAR cup championships.

He started training goalies in Charlotte in 2008 and started Old School Goal School in 2011. Brian has worked with hundreds of goalies over the years. He was an assistant coach and goalie coach for the Charlotte Rush USPHL junior team for 5 years winning 3 National Championships with them. In 2016, he became the Goalie Development Coordinator for USA Hockey for North and South Carolina.

For the past 6 years, Brian has been coaching youth hockey. He is passionate about coaching and his love for kids and growing their love of hockey is always evident on the ice. He's looking forward to being a Raptor and having a great season!



# **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 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 either the ACHC. Schedule breakdown will resemble:

- 16 Games = "Home & Home" ACHC 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 Lynchburg Coyotes Queen City Royals NC Golden Bears
Carolina Premier Charleston Stingrays Triad Storm Reston Raiders

#### **Tournament location targets could include:**

Raleigh, NC. D.C. Area Hershey, PA Charlotte, NC Lake Placid, NY Buffalo, NY Orlando, FL Charleston, SC

Total Games: 40, of which 20-24 will be games in Raleigh.



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





# **ICE TIME & DEVELOPMENT**

# **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 6 hrs.

# 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 Shooting/ Scoring Session. (Tues\* or Thurs)

**Total On Ice for Team Practice & Development: 80 Hours!** 



<sup>\*</sup>was schedule for Raptors PWA during the 2023-24 Fall/Winter Season

# **Pre Season Training Camp**

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
- 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 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

# 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

Part of the Development Process for the Raptors Peewee AA Team will be for the coaches 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 Peewee AA team to participate together in a minimum of 3 hours of Community Service.















# **VALUE**

# We ENCOURAGE you to compare:

- 98 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 \$4,675

\*Equipment & Apparel package was \$565 for 2024-25. 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 \$4,625 upon signing
- \$50 discount from full fee of \$4,675

# **Option 3: 4 Payments**

- \$1,375 upon signing
- \$1,175 June 18, 2025
- \$1,150 July 20, 2025
- \$975 on August 26, 2025

# **Option 2: 3 Payments**

- \$1,875 upon signing
- \$1,475 July 8, 2025
- \$1,325 August 15,2025

# **Option 4: 5 Payments**

- \$995 upon signing
- \$975 June 18, 2025
- \$925 July 20, 2025
- \$900 on August 17, 2025
- \$880 on September 12, 2025



# **EQUIPMENT PACKAGE**

### **Included as part of the Raptors Peewee 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.



\*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**

