



# Raptors Hockey Club

2026-27 Squirt A Program Guide

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# 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
- Richard Tooke
- Bryan Wilson



# RAPTORS Hockey Club

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## Philosophy:

In just 8 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 2 next slides 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 !



## 2025-2026

11 Raptors teams played in the ACHC. Of the 8 divisions with playoffs, Raptors qualified 7 teams, with 4 of those teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their division in the regular season. 3 teams made Semi-Finals, 3 finished as the runner-up Finalists – **and 1 Wins the ACHC Championship.**

## 2024-2025

Of the 8 Raptors teams that played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> season of the ACHC - **2 teams Win the ACHC Championship**, while 4 others finished as the runner-up Finalists.

## 2023-2024

Raptors had 2 teams participate for inaugural season of the ACHC, with 1 Finalist after making Championship Game.



## 2025-2026

Participated in the Silver Stick regional for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and advanced to the Semi-Finals before getting eliminated.

## 2024-2025

**WON the Silver Stick Regional Championship** to advance to International Finals and finished 6<sup>th</sup> place overall.

## 2023-2024

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



## 2025-2026

Raptors had 29.1% of the players selected to the final rosters – more than any other Club

## 2024-2025

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

## 2023-2024

Raptors had 45.7% of the players selected to the final rosters – more than any other Club,

## 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.



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## 2025-2026

U16 Raptors finish 2-1 in Divisional play but did not advance to elimination round as 1 of the final 8 teams

## 2024-2025

U18 Raptors **WIN USA Hockey National Championship !!!**

## 2023-2024

Raptors send 2 teams to Nationals!  
U14 Raptors finish as Finalists after losing the Championship Final Game in OT.  
U18 Raptors did not advance to elimination round as 1 of the final 8 teams

## 2022-2023

Raptors make 1<sup>st</sup> appearance at USA Hockey Nationals!!!  
U18 Raptors advance to elimination round as one of the final 8 teams, lose to the eventual Champion.



## 2025-2026

Raptors send 3 teams to North Carolina State Championships and ALL 3 advance to the Championship Game.

## 2024-2025

Raptors send 3 teams to North Carolina State Championships.

**Raptors U18 Win State Championship!**

## 2023-2024

Raptors send 2 teams to North Carolina State Championships and BOTH advance to the Championship Game.

## 2022-2023

Raptors send 3 teams to North Carolina State Championships and 1 advances to the Championship Game.

**Raptors U16 Win State Championship!**

**Raptors U14 AND U18 BOTH Win State Championship!**

**Raptors U18 Win the Club's first ever State Championship!**



# SQUIRT A TEAM

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## Team Staff:

Head Coach – Michael Piombino



Team Manager – TBA

Asst Coach – TBA

Asst Coach – TBA

## Team Roster:

Team will roster a total of 16 or 17 players.

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

## Competitive Level:

Squirt A (2016 & 2017 birth year)

\*If team plays in ACHC or CHL, the team will likely have a pre-season evaluation weekend in June to determine the level the team would play at for the 26/27 season.



# 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 2025-26 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 2025-26 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 or CHL consisting of:

- 16 Games = "Home & Home" local Conference or League matchups vs. 4 Teams.
- 12 Games = 3 Tournaments (potential for extra games)
- 8 Games = "Home & Home" Exhibition Games

**2026-27 H&H Targets will be (some of which are already locked in) :**

Reston Raiders	Lynchburg Coyotes	Queen City Royals	NC Golden Bears
Triad Storm	Carolina Premier	Carolina Thunder	Wilmington Jr. Seahawks

**Tournament location targets could include:**

*Raleigh, NC. D.C. Area Hershey, PA Hampton Roads, VA Charleston, SC Charlotte, NC*

**Total Games: 40, of which 22-26 will be games in Raleigh.**



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



Here are some players that your Raptors 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:

- 4 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 2025-26 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 2025-26 Fall/Winter Season*

**Total On Ice for Team Practice & Development : 82 Hours!**



# Pre Season Training Camp

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Will Take place in August 2026, 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
- Team Building Exercises

## • 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 & In Person by Request)
- 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:

- 98 Total Hours of Training & Development
- 76 Total Hours of Training & Development under the supervision of a professional training staff with over 34 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 \$4,385**

*\*Equipment & Apparel package will be between \$595-\$645. 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.

Payments made by credit card will be subject to an additional 3.75% fee.

## Option 1: Full Payment

- Full payment of \$4,335 upon signing
- \$50 discount from full fee of \$4,385

## Option 3: 4 Payments

- \$1,375 upon signing
- \$1,085 June 20, 2026
- \$975 July 24, 2026
- \$950 on August 26, 2026

## Option 2: 3 Payments

- \$1,675 upon signing
- \$1,435 June 26, 2026
- \$1,275 August 14, 2026

## Option 4: 5 Payments

- \$995 upon signing
- \$895 June 20, 2026
- \$875 July 18, 2026
- \$835 on August 15, 2026
- \$785 on September 10, 2026



# 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 \$585 in 25-26. It will increase slightly for 26-27.*

*\*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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