



# Raptors Hockey Club

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2026-27 Bantam AA 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 AAA (CHA)**  
**Carolinas Hockey League (CHL)**

## 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 next 2 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!**



# BANTAM AA TEAM

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## Team Staff:

Head Coach – Brian Haaland

Team Manager – TBA

Asst Coach – Danny Cline\*

Asst Coach – TBA

Asst Coach - TBA

*\*tentatively*

## Team Roster:

Team will roster a total of 18 or 19 or 20 players.

(Either 10/6/2 or 11/6/2 or 12/6/2)

## Competitive Level:

Bantam AA (2012 & 2013 birth year)

*The team will play in the AA division of the ACHC locally – and adjust to its level outside of Raleigh for tournaments and exhibition games.*



# BANTAM AA 2026-27 Head Coach

## Brian Haaland

***The Raleigh Raptors are pleased to return Brian to our Club for a 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive to serve as the Head Coach for our Bantam AA team, and to help with the development of Raptors goaltenders throughout the Club.***

***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 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 7 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 coach once again and having a great 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 & 11:15am @ Factory Wake Forest, per contracted ice.
- Allotted Ice Time for Games : 75 & 90 min
- Minimum number of Home weekends : 6
  - Potential for adding a 6<sup>th</sup> home weekend as practice or games.



# GAMES

**As it did it for the 2024-25 season, the team will play in the ACHC:**

- 20-24 Games = ACHC "Home & Home" matchups vs. 5 or 6 Teams
- 20-22 Games = 4 Tournaments or Showcases (potential for extra games)

**Some 2026-27 H&H Targets will include (not all of these will be selected) :**

**Reston Raiders\***    **Atlanta Phoenix\***    **Queen City Royals\***    **Roanoke Jr.Dawgs\***  
**Jr. Hurricanes\*\***    **Potomac Patriots**    **NC Golden Bears\***    **Charleston Stingrays\***

*\* Teams played in 2024-25 Season \*\*Teams played in 2025-26 Season*

**Families should be prepared to make a trip to some but not all the following tournament locations:**

***D.C. Area    Charlotte, NC    Hershey, PA    Nashville, TN\*    Hampton Roads, VAS***

***Detroit, MI\*    Pittsburgh, PA\*    Charleston, SC    Jacksonville, FL    Providence, RI***

***\*Potential supplementary tournament locations for some of our players via Carolina Alliance.***

**Total Games: 40-42, of which 20-26 will be games in Raleigh.\*\***



# Extra AAA Tournament Opportunity



The Raleigh Raptors are a founding Member Club of the Carolina Alliance. This initiative is a joint effort of several CAHA Tier 2 Clubs to provide select players the opportunity to play 10-16 additional games at AAA tournaments.

Summer Tryout session to select players from the member hockey clubs that will play in 3 AAA tournaments to take place June 20-21 in Raleigh, NC.

*\*The fee for Carolina Alliance in 2025-26 was \$595 for 2 tournaments.*

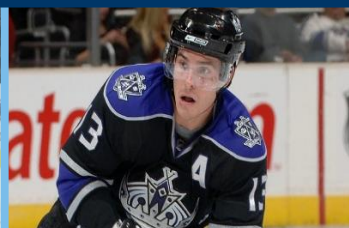
*This past 2025-26 season the Carolina Alliance WON the Motown Classic in Detroit!*



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



**Some players that your Raptors Bantam AA PTH 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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## **Pre-Season Team Training Camp:**

- 6 Hours On Ice (4 days @ 1.5hrs/daily, or possibly transition to full weekend)

## **On Team Ice Practice:**

- 1 Hour Weekly (Team Only Session, 2025-26 was on Friday evenings))

## **On Ice Development:**

- 1 Hour Weekly, 2025-26 was Mon 8:30pm @ Factory Wake Forest (Skating/Agility/Puck)
- 1 Hour Weekly, 2025-26 was Thurs 7:15pm @ Factory Wake Forest (Shooting & Scoring)\*

**\*There will be times when this session will be used primarily as 'Special Teams' development**

**Total On Ice for Team Practice & Development : 84 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
- 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 in multiple ways:**

- 8 90-min Team Training sessions for an additional 12 hours of training & development

*The 90 min sessions will include skating treadmill training, specialized shooting development, off-ice plyometric training, and video review of game tape.*



# SPECIALIZED EXTRA TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

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

- Sessions will take place during the “Coaches Corner” ice times offered at Factory Ice House, or in Prime Time Hockey’s Training Facility.
- Sessions will be 60 minutes in length
  - \*Families will be required to cover the cost for Ice Rental if it is a small group lesson on the ice.*



# THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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Part of the Development Process for the Raptors Bantam AA 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 2 times during the hockey season:

- 1) Mid-Season Evaluation. (Written with In person optional)
- 2) Final Evaluation at Season's End. (Written & In Person)



# OUR COLORS



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

In addition to developing our players on the ice, Raptors HC will aim to have our players help develop and improve parts of our local community.

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

*During the team's first 5 seasons, the Raptors created and delivered a huge care package for U.S. Troops stationed overseas, filled Xmas Stockings for both a senior citizens home and kids that were impacted by Hurricane Florence, and organized a food drive, and cleaned a local Creek and neighborhood. The team has also participated in the JDRF One Walk for Type 1 Diabetes awareness and fundraising.*



# VALUE

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

- 119 Total Hours of Training & Development.
- 119 Total Hours of Training & Development under the supervision of a Head Coach 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 \$4,865

*\*Equipment & Apparel package for 2025-26 was \$585. 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 \$4,815 upon signing
- \$50 discount from full fee of \$4,865

## Option 3: 4 Payments

- \$1,395 upon signing
- \$1,290 June 11, 2026
- \$1,185 July 20, 2026
- \$995 on August 28, 2026

## Option 2: 3 Payments

- \$1,865 upon signing
- \$1,600 June 28, 2026
- \$1,400 August 20, 2026

## Option 4: 5 Payments

- \$995 upon signing
- \$985 June 4, 2026
- \$975 July 5, 2026
- \$960 on August 4, 2026
- \$950 on September 5, 2026



# EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

## Included as part of the Raptors Bantam 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.

*\*Equipment & Apparel Package was \$585 in 25-26. It will be slightly higher 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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