



Raptors Hockey Club

2026-27 Bantam LA Program Guide

ORGANIZATION

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
- Bryan Wilson
- Richard Tooke



RAPTORS Hockey Club

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 1st 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 2nd 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 4th 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 6th place overall.

2023-2024

WON the Silver Stick Regional Championship to advance to International Finals and finished 9th 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 1st 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 LA 2026-2027 TEAM

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 18 or 19 players.

(Either 10/6/2 or 11/6/2 or 10/7/2)

Competitive Level:

Bantam A (2012 & 2013 birth years)

*The team will plan to play in the ACHC or as an Independent.



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:

- **2025-2026:** Head Coach, Raleigh Raptors Hockey Club (Peewee UA)
- **2024-2025:** Head Coach, Raleigh Raptors Hockey Club (PeeweeLA)
- **2023-2024:** Head Coach, Raleigh Raptors Hockey Club (Squirt A)
- **2022-2023:** Head Coach, PPHL 10U Advanced. Raleigh, NC.
- **2005:** Instructor, Learn To Play Hockey (RAHA, Rutland Amateur Hockey Association), 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

- 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 7th 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

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

**The St.James
Triad Storm***

**NC Golden Bears*
Reston Raiders***

**Queen City Royals*
Charleston Stingrays***

**Greenville Rage*
Roanoke Railyard Dogs**

Tournament location targets could include:

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

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

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

***Charlotte, NC
Columbus, OH***

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 Bantam 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

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 2025-26 Fall/Winter Season*

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



Pre Season Training Camp

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

• 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 Raptors Bantam A 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 Bantam 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*
- *Sessions could potentially take place in PTH Training Facility, for which there would be no rental fees associated.*



THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Part of the Development Process for the Raptors Bantam 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 Peewee A team to participate together in a minimum of 3 hours of Community Service.



VALUE

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 \$4,765

**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

There will be 4 options available for payment of registration fees.

All payments made online by credit card will be subject to an additional 3.75% fee.

Option 1: Full Payment

- Full payment of \$4,705 upon signing
- \$50 discount from full fee of \$4,755

Option 3: 4 Payments

- \$1,395 upon signing
- \$1,215 June 10, 2026
- \$1,120 July 18, 2026
- \$1,025 on August 25, 2026

Option 2: 3 Payments

- \$1,895 upon signing
- \$1,475 June 30, 2026
- \$1,385 August 30, 2026

Option 4: 5 Payments

- \$995 upon signing
- \$970 June 3, 2026
- \$945 July 5, 2026
- \$930 August 6, 2026
- \$915 September 5, 2026



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

