



Raptors Hockey Club

2026-27 Squirt AA 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)

Carolinas Hockey League (CHL)

Carolina Hockey Alliance (AAA)

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!



SQUIRT AA TEAM

Team Staff:

Head Coach – Jerry Carey

Team Manager – TBA

Asst Coach – Alex Andrason

Asst Coach – Lyle Henderson

Asst Coach – TBD

Team Roster:

Team will roster a total of 16 or 17 players.

(Either 9/6/1 or 10/5/2 or 9/6/2)

Competitive Level:

Squirt AA Locally

Squirt AA outside of Raleigh



SQUIRT AA 2026-27 Head Coach

Jerry Carey

With over five years of coaching experience, Jerry joined the Raleigh Raptors last season dedicated to developing Squirt-level players by bridging foundational skills with competitive awareness.

Recognized for his grasp of the game and his ability to connect with athletes, he fosters a positive, supportive environment centered on teamwork, strong fundamentals, and a lifelong love for the sport.

A product of the Washington Little Capitals travel program, Jerry competed at the highest levels from the age of 8 through his Bantam years. He resides in Clayton with his wife and two children.



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.** 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 7th home weekend as practice or games.



GAMES

The team will plan to play in the ACHC

- 16-20 Games = ACHC conference games
- 8-12 Games = "Home & Home" exhibition matchups
- 16 Games = 4 Tournaments (potential for extra games)

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

The St. James

Jr. Hurricanes**

Reston Raiders**

Greenville Rage*

Potomac Patriots*

Charleston Jr. Stingrays**

Queen City Royals**

Triad Storm

Carolina Premier Hockey**

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

Families should be prepared to make trips to some but not all the following locations:

D.C. Area Charlotte, NC Hershey, PA Nashville, TN Detroit, MI*

Greenville, SC Charleston, SC Philadelphia, PA Orlando, FL Pittsburgh, PA*

****Potential supplementary Carolina Alliance AAA tournament locations for some of our Raptors SQAA players.***

Total Games: 40-42, of which 18-22 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.

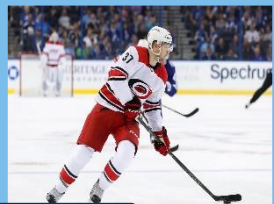
Summer Tryout session to select players from the member hockey clubs that will play in 3 AAA tournaments to take place June 20-21 in Raleigh, NC.

**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 !!!



Here are some players that the Raptors Development Staff (PTH) 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

Pre-Season Team Training Camp:

- 6 Hours On Ice (3 days over full weekend in mid or late August)

On Team Ice Practice:

- 1 Hour Weekly (traditionally @ Factory Wake Forest, but could potentially be rotated)
- 2025-26 Time Slot : Friday 5:00pm-6:00pm @ Raleigh IcePlex.
- 2026-27 Time Slot : Likely to be same as 2025-26, but ultimately still TBD.

On Ice Development:

- 1 Hour Weekly, 2025-26 was Mon 6:00pm @ Factory Wake Forest (Skating/Agility/Puck)
- 1 Hour Weekly, 2025-26 was Thurs 6:00pm @ Factory Wake Forest (Shooting & Scoring)

Total On Ice for Team Practice & Development : 86 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
- 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:

- **10** 90-min Team 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 to utilize 30min video review or 30 min off-ice fitness training)



SPECIALIZED EXTRA TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

ALL Raptors Squirt AA players will receive a complimentary semi-private session from Prime Time Hockey:

- Sessions will take place during the “Stick/Puck” 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 Stick/Puck or Hockey Camp Registration.*



THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Part of the Development Process for the Raptors Squirt 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 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

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

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



During the Club's first 6 seasons, Raptors teams have created and delivered large care packages for U.S. Troops stationed overseas, filled Xmas Stockings for both a senior citizens home and kids that were impacted by Hurricane Florence, organized a food drives, and cleaned a local Creek. The Club has also participated in the JDRF One Walk for Type 1 Diabetes awareness and fundraising.



VALUE

We ENCOURAGE you to compare:

- 102 Total Hours of Training & Development.
- 102 Total Hours of Training & Development under the supervision of a development staff with over 35 years of experience working and directing advanced Hockey curriculums.
- The SQAA team will be the only group on the ice for team practice.
- 40+ Hockey Games.
- Set days and location for Home Games.

All for a Registration Fee of \$4,785

**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

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

Payments made by credit card will be subject to an additional 3% fee.

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

Option 1: *Full Payment*

- Full payment of \$4,735 upon signing
- \$50 discount from full fee of \$4,785

Option 3: *4 Payments*

- \$1,450 upon signing
- \$1,245 June 16, 2026
- \$1,095 July 17, 2026
- \$995 August 18, 2026

Option 2: *3 Payments*

- \$1,835 upon signing
- \$1,575 June 28, 2026
- \$1,375 August 16, 2026

Option 4: *5 Payments*

- \$995 upon signing
- \$980 June 6, 2026
- \$960 July 2, 2026
- \$935 August 4, 2026
- \$915 August 31, 2026



EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

Included as part of the Raptors Squirt 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 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

