



Halton Hurricanes AAA Minor Hockey

U10 Head Coach Andrew Dias (andrewcdias@hotmail.com)

With 16 yrs of experience in coaching and playing hockey, Andrew is dedicated to helping athletes improve their skills, mindset and teamwork. Coaching philosophy is rooted in discipline, hard work, perseverance and growth mindset.

Andrew has coached athletes of various ages and skill levels, from youth leagues to elite competitions. Experiences include roles in player development, scouting and strategic planning. Andrew strives to refine skills, implement strategies and mentor players toward success, helping them achieve their goals both on and off the ice. With a balance of firm challenges, encouragement and creating a motivating atmosphere for players to grow. His style encourages players to push their limits, learn from mistakes and take risks, all while fostering teamwork and personal development. Notable achievements include making the OHL Cup as a head coach and sending multiple players to the OHL.

Andrew has played for multiple teams in the OPJHL, including the Vaughan Vipers, Mississauga Chargers, Markham Waxers and Milton Icehawks from 1998 to 2005, providing a strong foundation for a coaching career.

U11 Head Coach David McDuffe (mcduffe@outlook.com)

David grew up in Milton, where his passion for sports was nurtured in a hockey household, with his father playing in the NHL. From a young age, David was active in both minor hockey and baseball, highlighting his athletic abilities. His dedication and talent led him to play both Jr A hockey in Milton and the M and earn a D1 scholarship in baseball where he earned recognition as an Academic All American and a spot on the all-rookie team.

David began his coaching journey with Milton Minor Hockey in 2017 with the Milton Winterhawks and most recently joined the Hurricanes in 2024 as the coach for the U10 team. He is respected for his firm but fair coaching style and is very invested in developing our next generation of athletes.

U12 Head Coach Ryan Busby (bicingbusby@hotmail.com)

Ryan was born and raised in Georgetown, where his passion for hockey began at an early age. He spent the majority of his minor hockey career playing for the Halton Hurricanes, developing his skills and establishing himself as a standout player. His success at the minor level led him to the Georgetown Jr. A Raiders, where he played for four seasons, averaging well over a point per game. His exceptional performance earned him multiple All-Star appearances and, ultimately, the retirement of his jersey by the organization—a testament to his impact on the team and community.

Following his junior career, Ryan took his talents to NCAA Division III Plattsburgh State University. During his four-year tenure at PSU, he continued his offensive dominance, averaging over a point per game while helping lead his team to an NCAA Final Four appearance and a SUNYAC Championship. His leadership qualities were evident, as he was named Assistant Captain and later Captain in his final two seasons. After his collegiate success, Ryan embarked on a professional career, playing in Finland for Division II Varkauk Eagles and Mestis' SaPKo, where he maintained his scoring prowess and leadership presence. He later returned to North America for his final pro season with the Richmond Renegades of the SPHL, tallying an impressive 65 points in 60 games. After retiring as a player, Ryan shifted his focus to coaching, eager to pass on his skills, knowledge, and love for the game. The 2025/26 season will be his third season as head coach of the Halton Hurricanes, he continues to inspire and develop young athletes, bringing his career full circle to where it all began.

U13 Head Coach Darren Haydar (dhaydar20@gmail.com)

Darren Haydar, a longtime Milton resident, is a highly respected former professional hockey player known for his outstanding coaching and dedication to the community. Over his career, he won two Calder Cup championships and became the AHL's all-time playoff leader in goals, assists, and points. Now, he shares his passion for the game by mentoring young athletes and supporting local initiatives. His commitment to player development and giving back makes him an invaluable part of the Halton Hurricanes and the Milton hockey community.

Darren has coached many divisions with the Hurricanes for several years. Giving back to where he played his minor hockey years.

U14 Head Coach Jake Wood (jakewood2326@gmail.com)

Jake is from Georgetown, ON and grew up playing for the Halton Hurricanes before moving on to play at prep school in the New England Prep League. Jake was drafted by the Lincoln Stars (43rd overall) in the USHL draft, and played one season there. He then accepted a full scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NCAA Div. 1) where he played four seasons, and graduated with honours. Jake moved on to play two seasons in the ECHL. Jake is the former head scout of Canada for USHL Central Scouting, and has been a head coach at the U15AAA and U16AAA levels for four years.

He is currently the Head Coach of the Halton Hurricanes U16AAA team and Player Development Coach of the Brampton Steelheads in the OHL.

U15 Head Coach Dave Broll (broll_93@hotmail.com)

Dave was drafted 1st round 10th overall to the Erie Otters in the OHL, U17 Team Ontario silver medalist, U18 Team Canada Ivan Hlinka gold medal. Dave was 6th round draft pick to the Toronto Maple Leafs. Dave played 300 professional games including 5 NHL games with Toronto Maple Leafs. During his hockey career you was humanitarian of the year twice in the AHL and EIHL.

Dave is HP1 Hockey Canada certified with 3 yrs of coaching experience. 1 yr as assistant coach and 2 yrs as head coach finishing the 2nd season as head coach as OMHA AAA West League Champions.

U16 Head Coach Dan Fitzgerald (d-fitzgerald@live.ca)

Dan joins the Halton Hurricanes as the U16 AAA Head Coach from the Brantford Titans of the GOJHL where he served as both Head Coach and General Manager. Prior to the Titans, Dan worked in the Ontario Hockey League as an Assistant Coach with the Guelph Storm and Head Coach with the Niagara IceDogs. He also spent four seasons as the Head Coach of the OJHL's Brantford 99ers, as well as three seasons as bench boss in the GOJHL, split between the St. Catharines Falcons and the Cambridge Winter Hawks. Dan started his coaching career with the Dundas Blues of the NDJCHL where he earned the Ontario Hockey Association's Coach of the Year honours in 2014-15.

Prior to joining the coaching ranks, Dan played four seasons of junior hockey and suited up for the Niagara University Purple Eagles for the 2009-10 ACHA season.

U18 Head Coach Jared Gomes (j_gomes_15@hotmail.com)

Jared began his youth hockey journey playing in the GTHL and OMHA. Drafted to the OHL, playing one year of OJHL, before moving on to play with the Sarnia Sting and Mississauga St. Michael's Majors in the OHL. Jared went on to play CIS hockey for 3 years at the University of PEI attaining a BBA along the way. He played 8 years of professional hockey making stops in the AHL, DEL, DEL2, NLB, and ECHL eventually retiring in 2020.

Jared is entering his fifth year of coaching, with experience in the OMHA, GTHL, and OJHL leagues. He has a great passion for the game and helping players achieve their goals. He is an advocate of his players, promoting them, and pushing them onward in their hockey careers.