



HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the inaugural edition of our High Performance Programme (“HPP”) newsletter.

Oakville pioneered the HPP back in 2012. We have evolved the programme so that today it includes our Junior, U18AA, U15AA and U13AA teams working together to develop players so that they can successfully make the jump to the next level of HPP. In order to accomplish this is to mandate significant player movement between the teams so that, for example, our U15AA players regularly attend practices at U18AA.

Hornets Welcome Brianne Jenner to the Hornets!



The Oakville Hornets Girls Hockey Association are delighted to announce that Brianne Jenner is our new Director of Coaching and Player Development.

Brianne needs no introduction to fans of girl's hockey. She was born in Oakville, played minor hockey in St. Catharines, Stoney Creek and at Appleby. She has several Olympic medals, played for Canada in 6 world championships, 8 Four Nation tournaments, and recently scored the game winning goal in the 2022 IIHF world championship. She attended Cornell University where she claimed 2 ECAC Player of the Year awards, two First Team All American Honours and was the Ivy League nominee for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award. She is currently an assistant captain on the Canadian Olympic hockey team and board member of the PWHPA. Brianne's background and full list of accomplishments can be found on her website: www.briannejenner.com

As Brianne's hockey career as an elite hockey player will continue with both the PWHPA and Canada's National Team, the Hornets are thrilled to have Brianne on our team as well.

As Director of Coaching Development, Brianne is responsible for the assessment, development and selection of HPP coaches. She reviews annual plans and makes recommendations for improvements. She will be on the ice for selected practices of each HPP team to provide input and advice for our coaches.

In her player development role, Brianne will ensure that development plans are in place appropriate to the age level and monitor the adherence to those plans by coaches and player. For example, Brianne is working with each of the U15AA players to provide individual feedback on their development. She is also available for one-on-one discussions with our HPP players on their development path with the Hornets and beyond.

Please welcome Brianne as you see her around our rinks this season! Brianne can be reached by email at development@oakvillehornets.com.

Expanded Role for our Junior Coach

Stacey McConnell has been our Junior Coach since 2018 and will return next year for the 2023/24 season. This summer she added the role of HPP Coordinator to her portfolio. In this role, Stacey is charged with ensuring the daily operations of HPP is consistent with the best practices for development of our HPP players. She convenes regular meetings with the HPP coaches to facilitate dialogue and cooperation. Stacey can be reached by email at Jrcoach@oakvillehornets.com.

Welcome Stan De Rango and his staff

In October we announced the hiring of Stan De Rango as head coach for our U18AA team for the 2023/24 season. On November 2, we announced that Stan would take over the team for the balance of this season.

Stan has a wealth of experience coaching and developing rep players since 1994. Stan was previously head coach of the Mississauga Hurricanes U18AA team. Stan had been a rep head coach with the Hurricanes since 2013. As the Hurricanes Development Director, Stan was responsible for developing rep coaches in their system. Stan has also served as the development coach for the Hurricane's Elite Performance Program. Stan can be reached by email at u18AAcoach@oakvillehornets.com.

Stan will be assisted by Megan Eady. Megan grew up playing minor hockey in the Ottawa area and played junior hockey in the Provincial Women's Hockey league for the Nepean Wildcats. Megan then played three seasons of NCAA Division 1 hockey for the Robert Morris University Colonials in Pittsburgh, USA. After graduating, Megan played another two seasons for the University of Alberta Pandas in Edmonton, Canada. Megan has since played professionally in Australia and Sweden. She currently plays for Teams Adidas of the PWHPA.

Stan will also be assisted by Fabio De Rango. Fabio has been a highly successful head coach for the Oakville Rangers. In 2017-2018 he piloted his Minor Peewee AA team to League and OMHA championships. In 2018-2019 he took the Peewee AA team to League and OMHA championships and to the OHF finals. Last year he took the U18AA to the OMHA Semifinals.

Welcome Andrew McGarrity

In October we also announced the hiring of Andrew McGarrity as head coach for our U15AA team for the 2023/24 season.

Coach McGarrity has been with the Oakville Hornets organization the past 11 years as a rep hockey coach. After coaching his daughter from Atom BB to Bantam A, he agreed to continue as a non-parent rep coach at Bantam (U15) for the past 6 seasons so he knows this age group very well. Coach McGarrity is currently head coach of our U15A team.

Coach McGarrity has had success at all levels he has coached winning 6 division championships, 3 medals at Provincials and 2 medals at LLFHL championship weekends. After winning Bronze at the Provincials last year with the U15A team, Coach McGarrity was named our coach of the year.

Coach McGarrity is consistently among our highest ranked coaches by our players and parents due to his calm demeanour, superior development skills and passion for the game. We are excited to have Coach McGarrity take on this new challenge. Coach Andrew can be reached by email at u15aacoach@oakvillehornets.com.

Kevin Kemp Returns

Kevin Kemp has been our U13AA coach since 2017 and we welcome him back for next season. Coach Kevin can be reached by email at u13aacoach@oakvillehornets.com.

Best of the Nest

Congratulations to Kevin Gordon and Steve Hayes and our U15AA team for winning the championship in their group at our Best of the Nest Tournament this past weekend.