



COACH PROFILE

Burlington Pee wee A Bulldogs



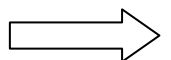
Dave Skippon - Head Coach

Name: David Skippon
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Hockey jobs: Bulldogs Rep A Assistant Coach / Defense Coach 2009-10
Bulldogs Rep A Assistant Coach / Defense Coach 2008-09
Bulldogs Select/MD Assistant Coach Minor Atom 2007-08
BLOMHA House League Assistant Coach from 2005 – 2007

Day job: Own business, Medelco Inc, a Medical Device Company

Family: My wife Linda, and two children Nicholas and Madeleine

Hockey experience: Won 4 out of 4 Tournament Championships, 2009-2010 season. Made the Alliance AA Loop 2009 and finished 3rd overall. Five additional tournament championships in previous seasons, competed in the Anaheim, California Tournament 2009 and OHF Championships 2009. Participated in Lake Placid Tournament 2008.



I have been involved in hockey every year since the age of 5, playing Rep hockey as a kid, Rec hockey at university and in men's leagues up to this year. Being involved in coaching minor hockey came as a natural progression and an opportunity for me to give back to a system that has given me many fun years and great memories.

Coaching philosophy:

Kids need to have fun. When they do, they listen better, learn more, work harder and their passion grows. I strive to create a fun but focused environment, where hard work is expected and respect for teammates, coaching staff, referees and opponents is mandatory. Winning is the goal, but developing, learning and always improving is the path to getting there. Along the way, losing happens and that's part of learning. Fair play and ice time will be given throughout the games, but the last 5 minutes in critical situations may be given to those who showed the most heart in that game.

Coaching objectives:

A lot of our success in this current season can be attributed to excellent team play and puck movement. While individual skill development is always important, the boys are now of an age where they are really starting understand team tactics and strategies. We will focus on moving and controlling the puck, and effectively using all five skaters on the ice as a single unit. We will also work specifically with the "teams within the team" meaning focussed development on our goalies, our defence team and our forward team. Finally on individual skills, I will encourage and help organize extracurricular skill development programs or training sessions.

Practice tips:

1. "Practice like you Play!!"
2. Try new things every chance you can.