

## **Coach Butch Otto**

## **Background**

Butch has been playing hockey for 45 years. He started with the Face-Off Circle Falcons and played Squirt through Midgets. He also played for Upper Dublin High School. After graduating from high school, Butch played Juniors for a year with the Valley Forge Colonials. He has continued to play in various men's leagues for the past 30 years. Currently he plays in the Hatfield Ice Open League. Butch has been married for 25 years and has 3 daughters who all play hockey. He currently coaches his youngest daughter on the Ice Dogs. Prior to coaching hockey, he coached all 3 daughters in Little League softball for over 15 years.

## **Coaching Experience**

USA Hockey CEP Level 2

- Head Coach Upper Dublin HS-2 years
- Assistant Coach Hatfield Ice In-House Spring League mites 2 years
- Head Coach Hatfield Ice In-House Spring League squirts and midgets 2014
- Head coach Ice Dog Mite White Team 2012-2013
- Assistant Coach Ice Dog Mite Blue Team 2013-2014

"Coaching mites the past two seasons I was able to see so many personal goals achieved by each and every player. They became different players from whatever level they started at. I believe in USA Hockey's principles and the ADM model. I helped develop that model in the mite level for Ice Dogs and will continue to at the squirt level."

## **Coaching Philosophy**

"First and foremost I want the kids to have fun. If we win that is the icing on the cake. I think it is important for the kids to win and lose because it teaches sportsmanship that the kids will need for the ice and also in life. The kids need to win as a team and lose as a team. It is also important that the kids are learning and developing especially at the squirt level. All kids progress at different speeds but it really is great seeing personal goals achieved throughout the season. All I can ask for from the kids is to work hard, focus, be respectful, and try your best. "