

Glenview Stars and Junior Stars Hockey Announce Level Directors for the 2018-2019 Season

In response to mid-year and end of season club surveys and to create a more comprehensive and cohesive program, the Glenview Stars and Junior Stars have created level director positions. We are very excited to announce our new level directors and explain their ongoing role in developing your player(s).

- **Mites: Tony Wendel**
 - Tony has been coaching for the Glenview Stars for more than 10 years. During that time, he has been an integral part of the learn to skate and mite programs. Tony has coached teams at the mite, squirt, peewee and bantam level age groups in both A and AA divisions. Tony has been entrenched in the development of our girls' teams, most recently at the U14 level.
- **Squirts: Steve Funteas**
 - Steve has coached for nearly 30 years at almost every level of amateur hockey. Steve's coaching career started with the Glenview house league and moved to coaching squirt, bantam and midget teams at the A, AA and CSDHL levels of play. Steve was the head coach of the Buffalo Grove boys' varsity team for 7 years and coached the DePaul University men's collegiate team. In addition to his vast coaching experience, Steve has attained a rare Level 5 Masters coaching certification from USA Hockey
- **Peewees: Alex Merkle**
 - Alex has been a coach for the Stars since 2009 and is currently the head coach of the peewee 2 team. Alex played youth hockey for the Park Ridge Express, CYA & Loyola Gold. After graduating from Loyola Academy, Alex played collegiately for DePaul University. In addition to coaching with the Glenview Stars, Alex was a hockey skills trainer and VP Ultimate Athlete as well as a skills instructor for Delaney hockey.
- **Bantams: Paul Kokuzian**
 - This will be Paul's 9th year coaching with the Glenview Stars. Paul grew up playing for the Glenview Stars and went on to play for the Chicago Young Americans at the AAA level. He continued his hockey career playing in college at DePaul University. Paul enjoys giving back to the organization that he played for when he was younger and passing on the love of the game to his athletes. Seeing his athletes improve and eventually play at higher levels of hockey is his ultimate satisfaction.

The Hockey Director and Level Directors will establish the following criteria at each age level:

- A baseline for all individual skills and techniques
- Team tactics and concepts that will be emphasized

The level directors will meet with the hockey director on a regular basis to:

- Identify strengths and opportunities for improvement of players and teams
- Establish plans to capitalize on strengths and address opportunities for improvement of players and teams

Other responsibilities of the level directors will include:

- Attend all skills sessions for assigned age level
- Assist skills instructors including working with players and focus on addressing opportunities for improvement
- Attend select practices and games, a minimum of one each every month, for each team at the assigned age level and report back to the hockey director
- Assist coaches in implementing modifications as necessary to each team upon review of practices and games
- Establish a standardized baseline for evaluation scores across the assigned age level based on the established skill expectations
- Review and provide feedback on the mid-year and year-end evaluations at assigned age level
- Assist with all tryouts at their respective age level
- Interact with the parents at assigned age level in order to obtain direct parent feedback on current season and overall hockey program