

Luke Spannbauer

My name is Luke Spannbauer, and I was born and raised right here in Mahtomedi. Hockey has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. I started skating with the association as a mini-mite and continued to play through high school as a Zephyr, graduating in 1997. Following high school, I continued my career as a defenseman with the Danville Wings in Illinois. I returned to Minnesota to play at the college level for a year with Augsburg before transferring to and playing for Hamline University. I graduated from Hamline with Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Management and a minor in Philosophy but wasn't quite ready to retire from hockey yet, so I moved to Texarkana, TX to play in a local semi-pro team.

After finishing my hockey career, I knew I wanted to return to the Mahtomedi area and moved back with my wife and children in 2019. My two youngest kids both play for the association with my son just finishing his Mite 1 year and my daughter her U8 year-so she will be transitioning to the Marauders for the upcoming season. Since returning to Mahtomedi, I have been actively involved in the association. I have coached for the Mite levels (both boys and girls) since the 2019-20 season and most recently was the head coach for both the U8 and Mite 1 teams. I have been a strong promoter of the Mahtomedi youth hockey programs serving on the MYHA board since 2022. My wife has also been active by being a team manager/coordinator for the Mite levels. Outside of hockey, I have also coached for the Mahtomedi Youth Soccer Association and Mahtomedi Youth Football Association. During the summer, I am actively involved in off-season hockey coaching at St. Croix Arena.

Professionally I work in an outside sales role for a commercial tool distributor. Working in this role has required me to have strong communication and organizational skills and be very goal oriented. I feel my background and knowledge of the sport and my professional experience would continue to make me a strong contributor and asset to the board. I have a specific interest in working with the younger levels to help grow and develop strong fundamentals while also making sure kids are enjoying their time on the ice. I think it is important to keep open lines of communication with players, parents, team managers and coaches to promote a positive experience. Players not only hone their hockey skills while playing but also learn to be part of a team, leadership, dedication, motivation, and sportsmanship by participating in youth sports which will ultimately help them as they grow into young adults.