

# Ryan Zahler

Why I'm here. I am a hockey dad and coach to my two Zephyr boys (squirt and a mite) and soon my daughter too. I have been coaching the last 5 years in the association. The opportunity has been rewarding in seeing so many kids develop and accel in the sport, as well as, getting to know so many wonderful families in the community. My wife and I think is a great place to raise a family and we are glad to be a part of it. I am hoping to continue to grow the association and enhance the development of our Zephyr players. And most of all, I am just willing to lend a helping hand.

My background, I grew playing hockey in White Bear (I know I should probably leave that part out...) I have always been a part of the hockey life. While in college I worked at a hockey shop and volunteered with the team. Along with playing a fair share of intermural and men's leagues over the years.

My family and I live in Dellwood I have 3 kids, and a backyard rink. My boys are already inspired to be future hockey coaches and often pretend to do drills on the backyard rink. When we are not at the rink, you can find us at the Gopher and Wild hockey games or at other Zephyr sports in off the season. My wife and I enjoy helping with the hockey teams from coordinating volunteer events to helping to arrange various activities. I have been primarily a stay-at-home dad since Covid and part-time ice technician in the backyard. Prior to leaving the workforce I led design and construction in Minneapolis for Xcel Energy. My primary responsibilities involved scrutinizing and coordinating projects with various governmental agencies, as well as, reviewing and delivering needs of new commercial development for downtown Minneapolis.

In summary, I am knowledgeable about the sport, I have been very involved in the past and look forward to being part of the association and community for many years to come. Go Zephyrs!