

Mike Schutte

Coach's Consultant/Coordinator of Player Development



Mike has been involved in hockey for the past 30 years, and has coached all ages from the Jr. Eagles Development level to Midget, Jr. "B", Jr. "A", & every level in between. His experience is further advanced by his positions as GM/Head Coach for the Cougars, GM/Head Coach of the Jr. "B" Stoney Creek Warriors, and GM of the Toronto Jr. "A" Canadians. His role as the Director of the Ontario Under 17 team included several notable players, such as Rick Nash, Eric Staal, Jeff Carter, Corey Perry and Mike Richards just to name a few. In addition to his own accolades, Mike's sons both went on to play professional hockey after graduating from the Eagles, and has helped dozens of players realize their dream of getting to the OHL, NCAA, and beyond.

After a few years away as a Head Scout in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) for the Sudbury Wolves, Primary Scout for the Kitchener Rangers, and longtime pro-scout of the 3 time ECHL Kelly Cup Champion Alaska Aces, Mike returned to the Eagles and, for the past 8 years, has been working closely with our coaches to run and improve our Eagles Development Program. To further advance this goal, Mike and Rod Kirk began planning an entirely new program after the 2015-16 season and after careful planning, they implemented the Next Level Training (NLT) program in the 2016-17 season. Mike and Rod are already working on next year's plans with the intention of making the Burlington Eagle's NLT Program the envy of other clubs in the area.

Mike sets high expectations for our Eagles Coaches, and it's clearly paying off. He sincerely believes in Hockey Canada's "Coaches helping Coaches Mentor Plan" and continues to expect from coaches, as well as our players, that we are a club of 41 teams - not 33 separate teams, plus Jr Eagles. Mike has set an agenda for our coaches to work collectively towards the long-term development of our players in each division. He is very excited about next year's group of coaches, experts, and trainers already committed to work with our teams, and expects next season to be our most special yet.