



Coach Kevin Gertz

Background

Over the past 25 years, Kevin has participated in close to 3,000 hockey games as an official, coach, or player. In 1997, he was hired by the National Hockey League to work with the NHL Off Ice Officiating crew in New Jersey; and since 2006 he has been the Supervisor of the crew working New Jersey Devils home games. Kevin is also an on-ice official and has worked many games as a USA Hockey official. Games he has worked over the years include two USA Hockey National Championships, along with various league, district, and regional playoffs. From 1997 to 2006, Kevin worked both Men's and Women ECAC Division 1 hockey games, along with working the ECAC Division 3 Championship game in 2002. From 1993 to 2012, he was a member of the National Ice Hockey Officials Association – working over 800 NJSIAA sanctioned Varsity hockey games. During that time, Kevin was chosen to officiate six New Jersey State High School Championship games. He has also served on both the Atlantic District Referee Seminar and Evaluation Staff – where he served as a power skating instructor. Kevin played college hockey at Kean University in New Jersey.

Coaching Experience

USA Hockey CEP Level 4

- 2000-2002: Hockey Resources – Coach/Power Skating Instructor
- 2001-2002: Lehigh Valley Thunder – Head Coach (Mites, Squirts)
- 2002-2005: Lehigh Valley Comets – Head/Assistant Coach (Squirts – PeeWee AA)
- 2006-2013: Lehigh Valley Flames – Head Coach (Mites – Bantam A)

Coaching Philosophy

“My objective as a coach is to provide an atmosphere of learning of individual skills and team concepts to develop better and more experienced hockey players by season's end. “