

Nick grew up in Skippack building a love for the game of hockey, by playing with friends outside in the cul-de-sac of his neighborhood. In fact, he can still remember the ding of the ball smacking off his plastic Mylec Waffle-board!

Nick began to play both ice and roller hockey recreationally in his teen years, and then went on to later play for his high school ice hockey team. Nick has continued to play recreationally for a number of years after high school, including in men's league at Hatfield Ice and elsewhere.

His love for sports goes beyond hockey, but without a doubt hockey is his passion. While hockey is his passion, Nick has also shared his love of other sports with his family by coaching his daughters in softball and basketball at several organizations. While coaching softball, Nick was selected to head coach two All-star teams and two different Select teams over the span of 5 years.

Nick believes in using a level-headed and patient approach to communicate in a way the younger players can comprehend and benefit from. This includes an appropriate focus on teaching skill development while also building the players love of the game. Nick is married with 4 girls, two of which play for Ice Dog teams currently. Nick also recently became CPR/AED Certified in January 2017.

### **Coaching Experience**

USA Hockey CEP Level 2

- Fall 2014 Assistant Coach - Hatfield Ice In House Youth program - Mite Level (Champions)
- Spring 2015 Assistant Coach - Hatfield Ice In House Youth program - Mite Level
- Fall 2015 Assistant Coach - Hatfield Ice In House Youth program - Mite Level
- 2015-16 Assistant Coach – Hatfield Ice Dogs – Girls 14U
- Spring 2016 Assistant Coach - Hatfield Ice In House Youth program - Mite Level (Champions)
- 2016-17 Assistant Coach – Hatfield Ice Dogs – Girls 14U
- 2016-17 Assistant Coach – Hatfield Ice Dogs – Mite A

### **Coaching Philosophy**

“My coaching philosophy is built around balance, balance in terms of skill development, building hockey sense, providing challenges, and enhancing their passion for the game. Ultimately my job as a coach is to provide an energetic, challenging, and rewarding experience for the kids that will benefit them both in hockey and in their everyday life. I think kids are capable of amazing us as parents, and themselves, by being appropriately pushed beyond what they perceive are their limits.”