



Hall of Fame Vince Redford

Vince Redford was born 2/2/1960 in Edmonton, Canada, moved to Alaska in 1966

Vince's father Morris Redford and others started KPHA in 1973 when Vince was 13 and he played with KPHA until 18.

1976 - Vince started coaching mites at the age of 16 because there was a lack of coaches. In 1978 Vince went to Canada to play Junior hockey for the tier 2B Sherwood Park Crusaders, Alberta.

1979 - He went to Bemidji State University and tried out for the hockey team, he was on the taxi (practice) squad at the beginning of the year. He played baseball for a year as well at Bemidji.

1981-1982 Vince coached Soldotna High School while working on the slope for Baroid.

1983 - He and his father Morris started the first hockey pro shop on the peninsula, Red Line Sports. They stocked equipment for other sports as well.

1983-1997 Vince became part of the KPHA board and coached squirts, PeeWees, Bantams, midgets

1989-90 Vince was awarded Coach of the Year for KPHA.

April 1994 Participates in bringing the Casper Wranglers and the Vail Avalanche Junior teams to Soldotna to play two exhibition games.

1997-1998 He worked to get and coached the Peninsula's first junior hockey team, Hellfighters (Western States Hockey League).

1999 - Vince started his own Junior team, the Peninsula Chinooks who were part of the WSHL, and later joined in 2001 with the Alaska teams – Fairbanks and Wasilla, plus Whitehorse created their own league known as the NORPAC.

1999-2008 Coaching KPHA and serving on the KPHA Board.

2003 - Vince was involved with helping to bring back the Peninsula MicMacs Men's Open Hockey Club.

2003 - 2016 He helped coach the U18 Tier II team that went on to win the State Championships and advanced to Nationals, the first team to do so in KPHA history. He also coached various youth teams at various age groups, started a spring league, Lacrosse league, Summer Ice, "Bring a Friend" to Hockey (a free program to encourage interest in hockey).

2009 - 2011 Coached the Kenai River Brown Bears.

2017 - 2019 Vince was the USA Coaching Education Program (CEP) Director for the peninsula. Vince and Red Line Sports were instrumental in helping to raise funds for the Brown Bears, from benefit concerts to golf tournaments.

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