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Jr. Steelheads Announce Spencer McLean as 12AA Head Coach for the 2025–26 Season

The Jr. Steelheads are proud to announce that Spencer McLean will serve as the Head Coach for our 12AA team for the 2025–26 season. A Boise native and a familiar face within our organization, Coach McLean enters his fifth season with the Jr. Steelheads, bringing a proven commitment to development, leadership, and the pursuit of excellence.

Coach McLean’s philosophy is rooted in teaching first — building strong players and even stronger teammates. He believes that winning is the byproduct of great teaching, relentless attention to fundamentals, and cultivating a culture of positivity, accountability, and respect. His practices are high-tempo, detail-driven, and designed to maximize repetitions in game-like situations, preparing players to thrive both individually and as a team.

This season, Coach McLean’s 12AA program will feature:

- **An Elite Development Model:** A 70–80 practice plan based on USA Hockey’s American Development Model (ADM), with a strong foundation in skating, puck skills, team tactics, and advanced situational play.
- **A Comprehensive Off-Ice Program:** Focused on building strength, agility, endurance, balance, and flexibility — giving players the athletic base needed to excel on the ice and stay injury-free.
- **Mental Skills Emphasis:** Developing focus, resilience, confidence, and the ability to set and achieve goals, preparing players for both immediate and long-term success.
- **A Clear Communication Path:** Regular updates through SportsEngine, structured team meetings, and open parent-player communication to keep everyone aligned and progressing throughout the year.

Coach McLean’s vision for the 12AA program is simple: to develop quality young people first, great teammates second, and elite hockey players third. Under his leadership, players can expect a season filled with hard work, growth, memorable moments, and pride in being part of something bigger than themselves.

Welcome back Coach McLean.

Go Steelheads!