

Alaska All Stars

10U Coaches – 2023/2024 Season



Head Coach Josh Varvil (907-830-1478) grew up in Anchorage and played goalie for the All Stars and the Blue Devils. He was part of three Alaska All Stars state championship teams, one of which went on to the USA Hockey National Championship tournament. He continued his hockey career at the junior and collegiate levels for the Hampton Roads Whalers, Richmond Generals, and Northern Michigan University. After receiving a Bachelors in Criminal Justice at NMU, Coach Varvil returned to Alaska to pursue a career in law enforcement, and has been a Probation & Parole Officer with the Alaska Department of Corrections for the past six years. Coach Varvil has coached at the 14U and 8U levels with the Alaska Avalanche for three seasons and spent last season as an assistant coach with the 10U Valley Thunder.

Assistant Coach Matt Witthoeft grew up playing both youth and high school hockey in the Anchorage area. After leaving Alaska to play college baseball, he returned and started a career in public education. Since 2015, Matt has been coaching youth hockey with both the All Stars and Anchorage School District. Last season, Witthoeft was an assistant for the All Stars 12U minor team. During the 2020/21 and 21/22 seasons, he was the head coach for the All Stars 10U minor team. Coach Matt also spent time as both assistant and head coach at East High school during the 2015/16 and 16/17 seasons. Witthoeft has helped coach various teams in the All Stars Mite program from 2015 to 2022.

Assistant Coach Joe Esquibel grew up in East Anchorage. Joe played hockey since the age of 5 and up until graduating Bartlett high school. After high school Joe went on to start a career in the IBEW as an electrician. With 3 kids, 2 boys and a girl, Coach Joe is excited for his first year coaching this team along with getting his 5 year old on the ice. Joe is looking forward to giving back to the greatest game on earth.

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12U Coaches – 2023/2024 Season



Head Coach Jake Garman (907-230-7979) is a native of Anchorage, Alaska where he grew up playing organized hockey from the age of four. Jake played most of his youth hockey career with the 1998 birth year Alaska All Star hockey teams. Jake won an ASAA State Championship with Dimond High School in his freshmen year before being bantam drafted into the WHL in 2013. The next season, Jake played for the Arizona Bobcats AAA team in the NAPHL where he finished his youth hockey career. Jake played in the NAHL and NA3HL for various teams before serving as captain of his NCAA team at Framingham State University for four seasons. Jake has previously coached for Lexington High School in Massachusetts, and comes back to the All Star organization with passion and experience in the game of hockey.

Assistant Coach Andy Ramsey

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14U Tier II Coaches – 2023/2024 Season



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Assistant Coach Blake Parent was born and raised in the Anchorage area. He played for various local competitive hockey associations and for East High School. Blake was bantam drafted in the WHL in 2009 and then played for the Nevada Stars 16U AAA team. He played junior hockey at various levels before returning to Anchorage to begin his coaching career. Blake has been coaching with the All Stars for 6 seasons and has won state and regional championships with All Star boys and girls teams at the 19, 18, and 16 age levels.

Assistant Coach Brett Siegel grew up playing hockey in the Eagle River area for the Blue Devils where he also played 3 seasons at Chugiak High School. Brett played junior hockey in the NORPAC hockey league for the Helena Bighorns from 2006-08. Brett has been coaching in the All Star organization for 3 seasons and is dedicated to keeping high caliber players in the program throughout their playing careers. Coach Brett is a concrete foreman for his family-owned business.

Assistant Coach Kord Cernich was born in Ketchikan, Alaska and grew up playing hockey in the Anchorage area. He was one of the original All Stars when the program was first created and was one of Alaska's first Western Regional champions in 1981-82. He has won various state championship with the All Stars as a coach and player at almost every level. Coach Cernich has won awards for excellence at every level from the USHL to AHL for his individual and team play. Kord is a CCHA All-American and two-time NCAA national champion. He signed an NHL contract with the New York Rangers in 89-90 and then finished his pro career playing for the Alaska Aces in 2000 where he was inducted into the Alaska Hockey Hall of Fame in 2022.

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16U Tier II Coaches – 2023/2024 Season



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Assistant Coach Derek Scoggins grew up in the Anchorage area and played for the All Stars growing up and graduated from Service High School where he served as captain in his senior year. Coach Scoggins then went on to play junior hockey for the Gillette wild in the NA3HL. He then played NCAA D3 hockey for Salem state University from 2018-2021. This is Coach Derek's first year coaching a team for a full season, but he has helped coach teams during his breaks when he was playing juniors and college. Coach Derek is also a local referee and has worked various game levels from youth to NCAA D1 and NAHL teams locally.

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18U Tier II Coaches – 2023/2024 Season



Head Coach Patrick Donlan (907-406-0603) is a lifelong Alaskan who grew up in the Anchorage area playing for the Alaska All Stars and various competitive teams. In 2009, Patrick left Anchorage to play for the Nevada Stars U18AAA team. After playing junior hockey in Spokane, Washington, Patrick enlisted in the Marine Corps as an aviation mechanic and played for the Marine Corps hockey team until 2018. He began his coaching journey in 2019 by winning a state championship.

Assistant Coach Jeff Earnest was born in Bethel, Alaska and started his hockey career in Anchorage as an All Star for his early hockey development. Jeff was one of the first Yupik Eskimos to progress his career in the BCHL playing for the Prince George Spruce Kings from 2009-2011. Jeff received a scholarship to the University of Alaska Fairbanks during this time. He finished his junior career playing for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs in the NAHL finishing fourth in the Robertson Cup Finals. The next year at UAF, due to unfortunate circumstances from health concerns, Jeff had to retire before the season began. He now works in sales at Sadlers Home Furnishing where he has been a part of FEA (Furniture Enterprise of Alaska) for 5 years.

Assistant Coach Kris Smith

Assistant Coach Everette Baines